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Yes, it is that No 10!  
Vale MP Alun Cairns and GEM  
general manager Caroline Attya  
are making a special delivery.  
(See page 12 for a report.)

## Vandals cancel fireworks display

THERE will be no fireworks display by the Rotary club of Maesteg this year at Maesteg Rugby Club, because of ongoing work to repair damage caused by vandals last year.

"We understand that most people will be disappointed with this decision as are we and the rugby club," a Rotary Club spokesman said.

"But health and safety dictates the decision. Hopefully, this time next year we will be able to go ahead and put on an even bigger display."

"Obviously this means that the Rotary Club is limited in the amount of financial assistance we can give to local charities but hope to increase the amount of bucket collections and other schemes, so that we can continue in some part to support our charities."

If anyone is interested in joining Maesteg Rotary Club to help charitable causes, contact Tal Harries on 01656 711078, or Viv Gage on 01639 870442.



ABOVE: The late Hugh Walker's parents, Ben and Pat, in front of triathletes at a competition organised in his memory.  
(SEE PAGE 11 FOR THE FULL STORY)

# CEFN CRIBWR MAN (22) JAILED FOR DRUNKEN ATTACK

A "FEARFUL situation" occurred when two men were confronted by an armed drunk, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Aaron Lydden (22), who was drinking from a flagon of cider, said to one of them: "Come on, I'm going to burn your house down," said prosecutor Jason Howells.

Lydden, of Heol Castell, Cefn Cribwr, was jailed for a year.

He had admitted possessing an offensive weapon, a metal bar, possessing

Report by AJ SICLUNA

a bladed article, a Stanley knife blade, and causing actual bodily harm.

Said Recorder Jonathan Furness QC: "You have a very poor record with substantial convictions and problems with alcohol and drugs."

"There is something in your past you are not prepared to discuss and you need assistance with that."

"A pre-sentence report indicates that you are at high risk of re-offending. You

need to sort it out."

The Recorder added: "Sentences can only get longer, the more offences you commit. You now have an opportunity to make a fresh start."

Mr Howells said that at about 7.45pm on May 31, Mark Bodenham (41) and Gareth Groom (32) were walking near Kenfig rugby pitch when they saw Lydden crouched against a wall.

He was drinking from a flagon of cider and they asked if he was okay.

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# Committed congregation who are trying to change the world for the better

**I**T is easy when reading the national press to despair and think that the world is falling apart – there is terrorism, a deadly virus, corruption, murder – all before you have moved past page two!

That's why I am glad I come home every week from Westminster, because then my perspective changes. I can see at a local level committed people working to change their world for the better.

On Sunday, I attended the opening of Hope Church in Newton, Porthcawl. You may not know this small church tucked behind the Globe Garage in Porthcawl, despite its having been there for almost 200 years.

The congregation was mostly elderly and they met for worship in the room next to the church, which had fallen into deep decay from the rain entering through the roof. The congregation loved their church and felt a responsibility for those who had worshipped there before them.

Then two new members joined the congregation and things

## WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

**Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive column from Westminster for The GEM.**



changed, with a vision of the church restored and used for the elderly and young people of Newton. Most people would have despaired, but they set to work and a new roof made the building water tight.

A big banner was placed outside calling for help. Along came a couple from Merthyr on holiday in Porthcawl. They saw the banner and brought expertise in applying for grants and business planning and well the rest is history.

A grant accessed via Bridgend Council has brought the back room a new life, new toilets, kitchen, carpets, no damp and a new space to service the community. The church still needs work doing, so if you know a double glazing company that would like a challenge, or a builder who can take off the old render and restore the woodwork, let me know!

At the church, I talked with members of

Porthcawl Museum whose determination had brought good news. Bridgend Council is working with them to help them prove they can manage the old police station as a museum and key tourism attraction for the town with a lease in the offing.

Porthcawl Town Council is talking of yearly grants to help improve the infrastructure and layout of the building and, importantly, to provide match funding for grant applications.

We will need to see more of this in the next few years. Austerity will increase. Bridgend Council has now to find £50 million in cuts so anything but central health, education and environmental services will almost certainly need to look to being self-funding.

When Local Government reorganisation comes in the manifesto of the Welsh Assembly elections in 2016, we will see councils merge to a size more like the old county councils.

This will bring new roles and responsibilities for town and community councils. Some have already understood this and grabbed the opportunity. Maesteg Town Council give grant aid to the trust which runs the old Town Hall, and have a lease on their town council building from Bridgend CB Council.

Bridgend Town Council took on Carnegie House; the old town centre library. They, too, have a lease from BCBC and have turned the first floor of this fine building into a town council chamber.

On the ground floor, they created an open arts community space that can seat 100 people in a variety of settings.

Bridgend has long wanted an arts venue

and now, thanks to the partnership between the borough and town councils, it has one. I am eager to support them and plan to use the venue as discussion space, bringing opportunities for debate and examination of issues people care about.

## Enthralling address

**I STARTED last Friday with Chris Bryant MP talking about his books setting out The Biography of Parliament. For an hour Chris kept his audience enthralled with the evolution of British democracy seen through events over almost 1,000 years in Westminster.**

He then took questions for a second hour and people spilled out into the night delighted and informed.

Next comes Hugh Bailey MP who, like me, is one of the UK18-member delegation to the Nato Parliamentary Assembly. Hugh has been elected as president of the assembly for two years by the other 27 member states.

He is coming to Bridgend to talk and answer questions about Nato in November.

This seemed especially appropriate after the highly successful Nato conference in September.

In February, Joan Walley MP, Chair of the Environmental Audit Select Committee, will talk about climate change and energy.

I have chosen these topics and speakers but I already have a long list of issues around a format of talk and questions and answers.

It is easy to be depressed by the big issues that make you feel over whelmed but much better to be inspired by the words and words of others around you.

So many people are working hard to improve our world at local and national level. We need to hear more about them and from them.

Hopefully, this can be a small start.

The GEM welcomes your news, views and other items of local interest - email us at: [gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk](mailto:gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk)

## GEM Readers' Letters

### Armistice Remembrance in Porthcawl

**P**ORTHCAWL branch of the Royal British Legion will hold its Remembrance Service on Sunday, November 9 at 10.30am in All Saints Church, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl.

All townspeople, religious denominations and other organisations are invited to attend this Armistice Service, and we especially invite those organisations who have a Standard or flag to take part in the service.

There will be no parade, but decorations will be worn. Please note that refreshments will be served in the church hall following the laying of wreaths.

There will be two minutes' silence with the Exhortation and Last Post at 11am at the Bandstand, John Street, Porthcawl, on Tuesday, November 11.

Participants are asked to assemble at 10.45am. You are welcome to attend. Contact Ray Street on 01656 771214.

All associations that have a wreath each year will automatically be included on the ordering list.

Any new associations that require a wreath are requested to contact the Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mrs Suzanne Rosser, on 01656 784859.

**David Richards, MBE (Chairman, Porthcawl branch and Coun Sean Aspey, Mayor of Porthcawl)**

### HIGH AIR FARES

**A** RECENT story reported a reduction in service to Scotland by CityJet due to low passenger numbers; one reason for this could be that the fares are too high.

Here are some actual fares for flights to Edinburgh from Cardiff, compared with those from Bristol: Cardiff – two flights at £79.68 and £95.68 respectively; taxi to airport £20. Bristol – three flights at £32.99 and one at £38.99.

Train, Cardiff to Bristol Airport £12.50 with a railcard, and free bus Cowbridge to Cardiff.

I use Bristol. There must be a reason why budget airlines like Easyjet and Flybe don't fly from Cardiff.

Edgar Lloyd, Cowbridge

### FIRST WORLD WAR COLLECTION WILL REMEMBER THEM

**A major new collection documenting the impact of the First World War on communities in Bridgend county borough will be unveiled by the Glamorgan Archives next week.**

Summoned From the Hillsides is a free online index which shows how the lives of ordinary people, as well as those fighting at the front, were changed forever by the conflict.

From Monday, October 27, the public will be able to access information including school log books, local authority minutes, police news cuttings, autograph books, letters home from the front and war diaries.

The records can be used for public research, as well as informing people about community events, local commemorations, family trees and the histories of

towns and villages across Glamorgan.

To mark the unveiling of the collection, which was compiled by volunteers at the Archives, a special launch event will be held in the Llynfi Room at Glamorgan Archives from 2.30pm on Monday.

The event will feature work by school pupils who have investigated the First World War, and the effect it had on their own localities.

Coun Phil White, cabinet member for communities, said: "As we approach the centenary of the First World War, it is more important than ever that we take the time to reflect on the impact it had on our communities."

"The bravery of our young men, and the sacrifices they made fighting on the Western Front, is something that we may never fully be able to understand – nor the hardships and suffering of their loved ones when they failed to return home."

### 'Lessons of deficit still not learned'

**A**T a time of austerity, job losses among council employees and no pay rises for the majority of BCBC staff, the Labour administration in Bridgend used its majority on the council to increase the size of the cabinet from six to seven.

The person appointed to this role is Coun Charles Smith, who will now receive £16,000 on top of the £13,000 he already receives as a councillor.

This is an extra £16,000 that council taxpayers have to fund, at a time when they are already being asked to pay an extra 4.8 per cent on their council tax from next April.

The size of the cabinet in Bridgend has remained at six for the past 12 years but, apparently, they are now so over-worked that they are having to put in eight and nine hour days in return for their pay of £29,000 a year.

So, it has been decided to lighten their load by appointing a seventh cabinet member.

How many workers reading this, most of whom earn less than £29,000, would like help to reduce their workload in their eight or nine

hour days? Most people would be delighted to receive a remuneration of that magnitude – especially as the new role created does not, as yet, have any defined responsibilities attached to it.

I suggest that residents of Bridgend borough go to the council website at [www.bridgend.gov.uk/coun](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/coun) and make their views known about where the council could make savings on their budget.

I suspect that very few will think that increasing the size of the council cabinet in these times is a good way of spending scarce resources.

And please remember, the next time you hear Labour councillors moaning about the austerity measures coming from the Conservative-led Government in Westminster, that they are needed to pay off the debts accumulated by a spendthrift and wasteful Labour Government.

It appears that the lessons of the deficit have not yet been learned.

**Coun Ken Watts, Welsh Conservative councillor, Newton.**

### DIGBY JONES NOT A CONSERVATIVE PEER

**IN last week's GEM, a letter-writer described Lord Digby Jones as a "Tory peer".**

The GEM has been asked to point out that Lord Digby Jones served in Gordon Brown's Labour "Government of all the talents" and when ennobled, he chose to sit as an independent.

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 30)

**The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.**

**For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.**

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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24 Fri	07.22	9.7	19.38	9.8
25 Sat	07.59	9.9	20.11	9.9
26 Sun	07.34	9.9	19.48	9.8
27 Mon	08.11	9.7	20.25	9.7
28 Tues	08.48	9.5	21.08	9.4
29 Wed	09.31	9.3	21.54	8.9
30 Thur	10.22	8.8	22.52	8.4

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# LOCAL WOMAN'S CANCER DRUG APPEAL IS IN THE BALANCE

by PHILIP  
IRWIN

**ELIZABETH RICHARDS** is the type of lady who apologises for not getting to the phone quickly enough – even though she is undergoing treatment for cancer!

Elizabeth, who lives in Omore-by-Sea, is not comfortable making a fuss – but her situation has forced her to do just that.

The simple fact is that 12 months ago, she asked to be put on the anti-cancer drug Avastin and was turned down.

She made no fuss at the time and she and her family took on the cost of the treatment – two injections per month at £1,000 a time.

Now, with evidence that the drug has had a beneficial effect over the last year, she is running out of cash and has re-appealed to the Cardiff and Vale Health Board – this time with strong support from her consultant.

She also has the support of Vale MP Alun Cairns.

He said: "For the past year Miss Richards has paid the huge sum for

the drug Avastin, knowing that if she lived in England, the drug would be provided free."

Elizabeth told The GEM that she had absolutely no complaints over her treatment. This was an issue concerning allocation of resources.

She said: "All the hospital staff – at the Princess of Wales and at Velindre – have been brilliant. Ever since I was first diagnosed, I have had excellent care."

Ironically, Elizabeth has spent 40 years working in the NHS, most of that time as a radiographer at the Princess of Wales.

After her official retirement, she continued to work in that post for a few days a week, and when she complained of pain in her shoulder, a prompt X-Ray meant that a cancerous tumour was spotted quickly.

Elizabeth said: "The tumour was on my spine and I started having treatment at Velindre. My consultant said that Avastin was the only other drug I could take but, to be

*ABOVE: Elizabeth Richards has the support of Alun Cairns MP as she appeals to be treated with the anti-cancer drug Avastin.*



frank, she was not convinced it could help."

Elizabeth decided to pay for the drug, and also appealed to her local health board to see if it would fund the treatment.

Initially, she appealed to Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, but was turned down because she should have applied to Cardiff and Vale Health Board.

However, that health board also turned her down.

In the meantime, however, there had been encouraging signs for Elizabeth.

She explained: "The position of the tumour was causing intense nerve pain. Many people feel that is the worst type of pain, and it was absolutely excruciating!"

"However, when the very first Avastin injection was made, the pain went away almost immediately."

That exciting news was no flash in the pan. Elizabeth has had no pain since that day – something that has made a huge difference to her quality of life.

The monitoring of the treatment has been encouraging, and Elizabeth said: "The last three scans have been brilliant."

The positive results ever since she started taking Avastin have encouraged her to believe that she has a chance of a successful appeal this time around.

She said: "My consultant says that my response to Avastin has been so good that it must give me a good chance on appeal."

Ever since her diagnosis, Elizabeth's family has been a massive support for her. Her sister, Carol-Anne Lonsdale, has been ever present, and takes her for treatment in Velindre Hospital regularly.

Elizabeth said: "To be denied the drug Avastin that is having such a positive effect is devastating."

"I am incredibly grateful to the support shown by my family and friends, but without this drug my life is going to be significantly shortened."

Alun Cairns said: "For an individual and family to have to shoulder the financial burden for a drug that works so effectively is nothing short of scandalous."

"I do not wish to criticise the staff in the hospitals who perform a magnificent job. However, an individual that is receiving such an effective drug should not have to pay such an enormous amount of money simply because they happen to live in Wales."

"This is a stark and very upsetting example of how health policy in Wales can impact upon people's lives. I would ask, how many people can afford to spend £2,000 per month on a potentially lifesaving drug?"

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "We cannot comment on individual cases."

"We remain committed to fighting cancer but while Avastin has been appraised by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) for use in the treatment of certain cancers, it has not been approved for routine use in the NHS in England or Wales."

"If a clinician believes a patient will gain significantly more benefit from a treatment

which is not routinely available on the NHS, they can apply to their health board for funding through the Individual Patient Funding Request process."

"In Wales, all medicines approved for use by either NICE or the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group are routinely available to all eligible patients."

"We are proud that patients have such access to proven and cost-effective treatments for all conditions."

## Legion celebrates with Grand Pavilion concert

2014 marks a special year for the Porthcawl branch of the Royal British Legion: the 100th anniversary of World War One coincides with the 90th anniversary of the branch.

This will be marked with a special

concert at the Grand Pavilion on November 7 at 7pm.

The Poppy Appeal team last year involved youth groups in our fund raising activities. All the Cadets forces and St Johns Ambulance Brigade will be taking part in military acts of remembrance plus guest speakers, a spokeswoman said.

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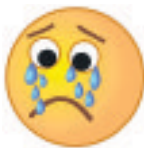
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# Sky dive boosts the mayor's charity fund



Rob Jones recently undertook a sky dive for charity – and had plenty of support to cheer him on!

**THE Mayor of Maesteg's charity fund for 2014/15 got off to a 'flying start' with a charity sky dive at Swansea Airport.**

Rob Jones, co-owner of Lizzie's Candy in Maesteg Market Square, was the daredevil who flung himself out of a plane at 12,000 feet to raise money for Alzheimers and dementia sufferers in the community.

Michael Banks, chair of the Mayor's Charity Fund said: "We are very grateful to Rob for doing the skydive on behalf of the Mayor, and we have raised over

£1,500 towards the fund. We would also like to thank all those who contributed either by sponsorship or through the bucket collections.

"We are planning lots more events over the coming months, including a country and western evening, a curry night and a family fun day."

"We will be publishing details very soon. The next event is a social evening at the Royal British Legion Club, in Maesteg, on Saturday, November 22. Tickets will be available from the club, so please come along and support the Mayor's Charity Fund."

## Welsh Museum Festival Week was extended!



**THE Welsh Museum Week at Porthcawl Museum proved such a success that the 'Belgian Refugee Exhibition' continued into the following week, concluding on October 18.**

Throughout the fortnight, visitor numbers maintained a significant level with many a feedback form registering the 'top 5' tick-box. Comments were, as they have been all year, extremely complimentary.

Rhiannon Davies and Caitlin Bennett (pictured) from Gwent, were the winners of the Belgium 'Write a postcard home 1914' competition. Both girls captured the essence of what it would have been like to be a refugee in Porthcawl during World War One.

The girls are pictured holding their winning entries and selected gifts, inside the 'Trench Experience'. Well done both!

CERI JOSEPH

## Choir returns to Netherlands for liberation celebrations

**BRIDGEND Male Choir has received its second invitation to visit the city of s'Hertogenbosch – this time to help commemorate the 70th anniversary of the city's liberation in 1944 by the 53rd Welsh Division.**

The division drove the Germans out of the city after a hard-fought battle over four days and at a cost of 146 dead and hundreds wounded.

For many years since, the city has invited a choir from Wales to attend the annual commemoration at the Welsh memorial, sited in the area named the 53rd Welsh Division Square.

The Bridgend choristers will have a busy schedule, singing at the memorial on the morning of October 26, followed by a 'sold out' evening concert at the Heronimus Bosch Arts Centre, which will be shared with soloists from its music team.

On October 27, a concert will be given for the residents of the De Taling Nursing Home and an impromptu 'a capella' performance at the magnificent St Jan's Cathedral on the main City square.

On the following

evening, choristers will share a social evening with the 125-strong host mixed choir, Gemeng'd Koor.

On the homeward journey to Calais, the three coaches will pass through Flanders and the choir plans to sing at the Menin Gate in Ypres. The monument records the names of some 54,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient during the Great War, but who have no known grave.

It also intends to sing at the new Welsh memorial on the nearby Pilgrim Ridge in Langemark. This is dedicated to all Welsh men and women who served during the Great War and was unveiled this year by Wales' First Minister and Bridgend Male Choir patron, Carwyn Jones.

Upon the choir's return it will be preparing to appear in the Saturday, November 8, Poppy Appeal concert at the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College campus with other participants. Tickets, £7.50, are available from a number of outlets in Bridgend town.

TIM O'HAGAN (Bridgend Male Choir)

## Poetry in Porthcawl

**THE next 'Verse and Vine' evening, presented by Sustainable Wales, will feature 'shorter poems' in the Green Room, 5, James Street, Porthcawl, on Thursday, October 30, at 8pm.**

Presented by Frank O'Connor and Brian Roper, with Robert Minninnick as MC, the evening will feature Haiku, Tribannau, shorter poems, and an open mic.

All are welcome (£3 entrance). Telephone 01656 783962 for more information.



## PUPILS COLLAR A DESIGN OPPORTUNITY AT STORE!

**YEAR-13 at Porthcawl Comprehensive have been working on designs for collars, as part of their A-level syllabus; however, their work took an interesting turn when they were given the opportunity to display their work in the John Lewis store at Cardiff.**

After initial discussions, it was decided they would work with the visual merchandising team and the collars the pupils made,

primarily from wool, would be shown during British Wool Week during October.

The pupils then had the chance to visit the store for a look behind the scenes of the visual merchandising department.

They visited the workshops, gained an understanding of the corporate image of the store and were amazed at the amount of hard work and serious effort involved from a very dedicated team in the department.

The same team had recently worked through the night putting up Christmas decorations at the

end of September ready for a media launch at 8am in the morning!

The pupils had a wonderful time and enjoyed seeing their work displayed in a professional way.

They have even been invited to do more similar work with the store next year.

We are all very thankful to John Lewis for giving the pupils the amazing opportunity.

JULIE HOWELLS (art department)

## PATIENTS GIVE UNIT AT PoW THE THUMBS-UP FOR PRE-ASSESSMENT

**The pre-assessment unit at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, has scored almost 100 per cent in a patients' satisfaction survey.**

"Out of more than 1,300 responses, all but two were positive – and the two exceptions were not so much negative as suggestions for improvements," said Brenda Partridge, lead nurse for acute pain and pre-assessment services at the Bridgend hospital.

"It's excellent for staff morale to know their work is so highly regarded by the people who use the service."

Patients aged 16 and over who are referred for surgery visit the unit in advance of their operation to make sure they are fit for the procedure and for anaesthetic, and to identify any potential risks.

The team also gives patients information to help them make an informed decision on whether they want to go ahead with the operation.

Pre-assessment sister

Denise Williams said: "We do all of this in advance to reduce the chances of their operation being postponed on the day of surgery."

"Pre-assessment can improve their experience in hospital, while providing them with all the appropriate information and also helps relieve their anxiety."

On average, the unit sees 32 patients a day, and sometimes more. Most of them come from the Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot areas, though some travel from Swansea and occasionally beyond – including Aberystwyth and north Wales.

As well as Brenda and Denise, the team includes sister Carole Ames; nurses Louise Shaughnessy, Lindsey Davies, Janet Thomas, Sandra Enos and Meryl Lawler; health care support workers Helen Hart and Judith Walker-Halstead; clinical coordinator Liah Davies; and receptionist Sarah Carlton.

They work closely with anaesthetists, surgeons, physicians, GPs, specialist nurses and other health care professionals.

Denise said: "We also have anaesthetic sessions three times a week. If the nurse has any queries about a patient, the anaesthetist will look at the patient's notes and give advice, or if necessary bring the patient in to review them in person."

Last year, the pre-assessment unit became one of the first to introduce the Friends and Family survey at Princess of Wales Hospital.

Patients, relatives and carers are asked to complete a form that asks one simple question: How likely are

you to recommend this ward/unit to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?

They can tick one of six possible responses, ranging from extremely unlikely to extremely likely. There is also a space for comments.

Brenda said: "From July 2013, when it started, up until now we have had more than 1,300 positive responses from patients."

"We have only had two that were not positive – and we are actively looking into those suggestions now."

## Concert will be a tribute to heroes

**I AM writing to inform the readers of The GEM of a Poppy Appeal gala concert hosted by the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend, Coun Gary Thomas, on Saturday, November 8, at 7pm, in the Sony Theatre in Bridgend.**

Organised by Major Wayne Morgan, local resident Delyth Owen and myself, it will commemorate the centenary of World War One with Bridgend Male Voice Choir, Bridgend Castle Players, Pencoe Silver Band, 1092 Sqn Air Cadets, solo classical singers and other surprises.

Tickets, £7.50, are on sale at various outlets in Bridgend town centre, including Candy Shack, Ella Riley Sweet Shop, Beth Daniel Hairdresser

and Top's Associates Hairdresser. All proceeds will go to the Bridgend branch of the Royal British Legion.

I am sure the readers of The GEM would want to be involved in this event, which will provide a fitting tribute to our war heroes as part of our community's efforts to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War. It is a wonderful way to express public support for members of the Armed Forces, both past and present, in Bridgend county borough.

I would encourage as many members of the public to join us for this spectacular show and to get your tickets early, as they are limited.

Coun David White, (Newcastle ward, Bridgend)



# Porthcawl school is proud of its links to the past

A PORTHCRAWL primary school, which began life with lessons held in the porch of the local church, has been presented with a modern new painting to help preserve its links with the past.

Newton Primary School in Porthcawl began life with lessons held in the porch of the parish church of St John the Baptist. A schoolroom, which is now Newton Church Hall, was later built before the school moved to its current site in New Road in 1908.

The school's links with the parish church are reflected in its logo, which features an image of St John's, and now these links have been strengthened with the presentation of the painting on display in the school foyer. The idea for the painting came from assistant parish priest, Rev Craig Vaughan, during a visit to the school when a large old picture of St John's was taken down from the school hall while redecorating work was carried out.

He suggested it be replaced with something more modern and commissioned local artist and parishioner Peter Mills.

"We wanted to ensure that this visual link with the

parish was maintained but in a more modern way. It is a great joy for us to formally present this to the school and we hope it will be a sign of many years future co-operation," said Mr Vaughan.

Acting headteacher Rachel John said: "We loved the idea from the start, as it is a fantastic way of keeping the past alive. Although our building is more than 100 years old, we are very much a 21st century school and this painting reflects the past while looking forward to the future."

"We are very grateful to both the church and Mr Mills for the painting, which has already become a real focal point in our foyer – it captures the old and the new very effectively and is the first thing that visitors see when they arrive. Both the children and visitors love it."

Peter Mills said: "I was delighted to be asked to come up with this painting for the school and am glad that it has been well received."

The painting, which is bordered by the school colours of red and grey, shows images of both the school and the church out of which it grew. It also includes the school motto of 'Believe and You Will Achieve'.



PICTURED: (left to right) year-six pupils Iwan Cartwright, Kara Morgan-Rees, Holly Thomas and Blair Milligan with artist Peter Mills, acting head Rachel John and the Rev Craig Vaughan.

## Silt: 'Council must go back to the drawing board' says Tory regional AM

**SHADOW** Welsh regeneration Minister Byron Davies has welcomed news that the silt pile at Salt Lake is being removed by the council, but says that viable

**regeneration plans now need to be drawn up for Porthcawl.**

Mr Davies, who is Conservative Regional AM, said he had discussed Porthcawl regeneration with BCBC chief executive Darren Mephram at a recent

meeting, but there was little to report at present.

"There is now a need for the council to go back to the drawing board and start with a clean sheet of paper," he said. "They must revisit the Owners' Agreement they had with the private owners and leaseholders of some of the land at

Salt Lake to try to find a way forward.

"It would appear that the supermarket scheme is dead in the water – especially given the hammering that all the big chains are getting at the hands of the discount stores."

"I am not convinced that building more houses or flats on this site would be beneficial to the town. As a resort, Porthcawl needs an imaginative project which would add to its attractions and a supermarket would never have done that anyway."

Mr Davies said he was heartened by the progress being made by the group behind the Porthcawl Maritime Centre and he was pleased that the council is giving them support.

He added: "As far as regeneration is concerned, this scheme is the only show in town at present. But the council needs to consult with local people, traders and tourism operators to come up with a viable regeneration scheme which has the support of the community."

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## 'I spy with my little eye'

### PUPILS STUDY THE GREAT OUTDOORS

**WOODLANDS, fields and green spaces around Bridgend county borough are set to become classrooms as a new project takes more lessons outside.**

The 'Bridgend Outdoor Schools' project has been launched, which aims to make it easier for teachers to educate their pupils in outdoor settings, all year round.

Lesson plans, resources, and ideas to inspire teachers have all been produced and made available online, while families can also get their hands dirty as a pack full of outdoor learning activities for use at home can also be downloaded.

The project has been developed in partnership by teachers, Bridgend County Borough Council's sustainability team, Natural Resources Wales, educational consultants 'Think, Learn, Challenge' and the council's 'reach' rural development team, using reach's 'Let's Innovate' grant fund.

Headteachers from local schools gathered for the launch at Tondy Primary School last week, where they heard how the idea for the project came from teachers who had been inspired by a trip to schools in west Wales.

Tondy headteacher Sue Pilcher explained: "Two of our teachers, Cathy Richards and

Alyson Jones were very excited to tell the Bridgend environmental education sustainability group about what they had seen in action in Pembrokeshire.

"Our school has been trialling the lessons and we have noticed that the outdoor sessions have given the children a very enjoyable experience which has really enriched their learning and wellbeing. It has developed their independence in learning, encouraging them to question the environment around them in different settings.

"The project makes it easier for teachers to take lessons outside, and we believe that this is the start of a valuable resource that can grow as more schools get involved."

Coun Huw David, BCBC's cabinet member for children and young people said: "A considerable amount of time and effort has been put into developing this project and I would like to commend everyone who has been involved.

"Tondy Primary School has supported the project from the beginning, allowing the activities to be piloted in their school and I am excited at the potential that this has to become part of the curriculum in other schools too."



## WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Mr Garry Hicks - **Flat 4, Haywain Court, Bridgend** - Fell and replant 11 trees.

Mrs Joy Majoe - **89 Park Street, Bridgend** - Programme of works to various trees including felling.

Mr Brian Lewis - **11 Cefn Nant, Pencoed** - Crown reduction and crown lifting of oak tree and ash tree by 3 metres.

Mr Andrew James - **94 Ty Gwyn Drive, Brackla** - Crown reduction and removal of limbs of ash tree.

Mr R Shaw - **9 Gwelfor, Cefn Cribwr** - Proposed single storey extension.

Mr Daniel Pucella - **11 Kimberley Court, Brackla** - Proposed boundary wall with fencing in between pillars.

Mr Chris Stephens - **16 Golden Terrace, Maesteg** - Change use of dwelling to 2 x 2 bed flats, single storey rear extension with escape walkway over and metal staircase.

Mr D J Lewis - **Protea House, 25 Esplanade Avenue, Porthcawl** - Change dwelling into two self-contained flats and extend ground floor flat with flat roof to form fire escape.

Atlantic Plastics Limited - **Coytrahene Close, Brackla Industrial Estate, Bridgend** - Installation of photovoltaic panels.

Mrs V Hopkins - **5 Potters Green, Bryncethin** - Disabled ramp access to front garden.

Mrs P Jackson - **Hilltop, Quarella, Bridgend** - Single storey extension to rear.

Mrs Jason Brannan - **5 Lon y Coed, Llangewydd Court, Bridgend** - Two storey rear and first floor side extensions and chimney stack to rear elevation.

Mr Appan Sithamparappillia - **Garn Stores, 46a Garn Road, Maesteg** - Extend retail unit at ground floor with second storey extension over, external steel staircase and provision of two-bed flat over.

Archiception Ltd - **Cwrt y Mynws Farm, Maesteg** - Screening request for proposed solar farm.

Miss Laura Gunstone - **17b New Road, Porthcawl** - Change of use from A3 to beauty salon.

Mr Steve Jones - **White Bungalow, rear of Queens Avenue, Porthcawl** - Demolish existing bungalow and detached garage and replace with a new dwelling with an integral garage.

Network Rail (Property) - **Former garage/vehicle workshop, Coity Road, Bridgend** - Demolition of former garage/vehicle workshop.

Mr Clive Adams - **19 Eleanor Close, Pencoed** - Single storey detached garage.

## Carers' Centre tucks into Britain's Best Breakfast!

**ON Friday, October 17, Bridgend Carers' Centre was gearing up to take part in 'Britain's Best Breakfast', a national fundraising campaign organised by Carers Trust raising money to support unpaid carers.**

There are 18,000 carers in Bridgend county borough, many of whom would struggle without support from their local Carers' Centre.

Britain's Best Breakfast encourages people to hold a breakfast event during October for their friends, family and work colleagues and raise money for Carers Trust. For more information about the campaign text egg to 70660 or visit [www.britainsbestbreakfast.org](http://www.britainsbestbreakfast.org).

Money raised through Britain's Best Breakfast will help Bridgend Carers' Centre support more unpaid carers through its direct work with carers and people with care needs like Simon who juggles caring for his children and his wife Penny who has disability.

Simon also volunteers at the weekly Community Café as this gives him time out from caring and he enjoys doing something different and giving something back to the centre that supports him in his caring role.

Bridgend Carers' Centre is a Network Partner of Carers Trust, the UK's largest charity supporting carers. Locally, Bridgend Carers' Centre supports over 2,500 of carers in Bridgend county borough. Support includes information and signposting to services and support, one to one appointments at the centre and at home, training, information on benefits and legal matters, days out to give welcome breaks to carers, walks, Tai Chi and other exercise opportunities to promote positive health and wellbeing to carers. In addition, the Carers' Centre offers opportunities for carers to meet up, volunteer and socialise at the weekly Community Café and at other events (telephone 01656 658479).

Nationally, there are seven million unpaid carers in the UK and three in five of us will become a carer at some point in

our lives. Research also shows that:

- In Wales and England, just under one million (950,000) people over 65 are carers;

- 65 per cent of older carers (aged 60-94) have long-term health problems or a disability themselves.

- One in five carers gives up employment to care.

Helen Pitt, Bridgend Carers' Centre Manager said: "We know from talking to the carers that we support that many of them do struggle with their caring responsibilities. That's why we need to offer them help, support and breaks and why we are taking part in this fundraising campaign to help many more carers in our area. Carers come from all walks of life and almost all will need support from a service like ours."

"To have an event to look forward to, to get out from the daily situation, meet people, laugh without feeling guilty, because other carers understand. We are so grateful to the centre for all its hard work."

**STEVE PULLEN-JAMES, Carers' Support Worker**

## ROTARIANS TAKE STROLL AROUND CARDIFF BAY



**NINE members of Bridgend Rotary Club, president Sue Cassidy, Rotarians John McCarthy, Edward Jones, William Williams, Mike Lewis, Gillian Hale, Sonja Cain, David Hubbard and Hopkin Joseph, plus seven guests and a dog - left the Custom House at Penarth Marina to walk around the eastern perimeter of Cardiff Bay to Mermaid Quay.**

After crossing the barrage lock, passing the fish pass, walking along the open elevated section of the barrage provided a good vista both out to the Bristol Channel (where it was high tide-with a seawater level higher than the freshwater level within the barrage) and inland, looking towards the Penarth Marina, the Ely River Marina, the Sports Village, the Taff River Marina, the Wetlands Reserve and Mermaid Quay.

After a brief stop at the Scott Memorial display (recording that it was from Cardiff over 100 years ago that ill-fated expedition set off to the South Pole) walking further along the barrage provided better views of the entrance on the seaward side of the

barrage, to Cardiff Docks (still a very busy freight port), with to the north views of the Senydd, the Millennium Centre and the Pierhead building.

In the distance Cardiff city centre buildings (such as the Millennium Stadium) were clearly visible. Thereafter, the walk passed the colliery exhibition, undeveloped docks, the Dr Who exhibition centre, and the Norwegian Church, to reach Mermaid Quay.

Some of the party

visted the shops, others walked on past the St David's Hotel to the Wetlands Reserve, a habitat for lots of water fowl and birds.

The whole party then re-assembled at the Pierhead Building to watch a 10-minute film of the changes in the docks at Cardiff - growing as a coal exporting port in the 80 years to 1914 (exporting at its peak, over 10 million tons of coal) declining use in the 60

years afterwards to nothing in 1970, but still now a very busy freight port.

Three of the party walked back to Custom House, the remainder taking a water taxi (which toured the western side of Cardiff Bay passing the Sports Village; the national swimming pool and the white water rafting centre).

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## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

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I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Gareth Reese,  
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male choir.



## WI plans

**ABERKENFIG** and District WI president, Eunice Williams, welcomed members to the October meeting, where happy birthday was sung to Joan Davies and Peggy Jones.

The centenary celebrations for 2015 will start with a two-course lunch at the Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot on January 19.

The speaker Joyce James gave a talk on the history of names. From early days, children were named after members of

the royal family. Joyce had some funny stories about names mostly relating to nicknames. Some of the ladies had their names explained: Dorothy – great gift of god, Hilary means cheerful, and Mair means bitter!

The raffle was won by Dilys Mitchell and Sondra Parry; the competition for a small item beginning with 'I' was won by Irene Burgess with an original identity card. There followed a discussion about what theme to use to decorate the Christmas tree at the

Tondu Wesley Christmas carol service.

The pre-Christmas retail therapy trip to Marks & Spencer, followed by lunch in the Aubrey Arms, will be on November 19. Eunice thanked the tea hostesses Mair Starr and Hilary Crombe.

The next meeting on November 12 will be entertained by Tondu Primary School choir.

Visitors and new members are sure of a warm welcome at Aberkenfig WI which meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Len

Evans Hall, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig. More details from Dilys on 01656 725399 or at www.cobwebs.com

## 60th birthday!

Congratulations to Raema Guntun, a member of St Bride's church, Llansantffraid, who will be celebrating her 60th birthday on Wednesday, October 29 – as Roy Noble would state on Radio Wales this is a special event and should be

celebrated over three days, I hope her family take note!

Raema is a person who is always helping others, and I too wish her happy birthday.

## Choir's triumph!

I RECENTLY attended Bridgend male choir's annual concert in St Mary's RC church – what a great event!

I saw and heard the first concert the choir had ever performed under its new musical director Rhiannon Williams-Hale.

A member of the choir, Gareth Davies, was compere for the evening, and he carried out his difficult task admirably. Of course, the accompanists Stephanie Bailey (piano), and Scott Williams (organ) both played beautifully throughout the evening.

The choir started the concert with 'Pan Fo'r Nos yn Hir', to Meirion Davies' arrangement, finishing the session with 'Men of Harlech'.

Then we had the talented star of the evening Jessica Robinson from Crymch, Pembrokeshire. She started with the magnificent Puccini piece 'O Mio Babbino Caro', finishing with 'Cymru Ffach'.

The concert throughout was magnificent and I cannot praise the quality of singing enough.

The choir will be leaving Bridgend on Saturday October 25 at 5am to arrive in the Netherlands city of 's-Hertogenbosch at 7pm where they will be performing in a series of services and concerts to celebrate the liberation of the city in the Second World War by the 53rd Division Welsh Regiment.

The choir has been busy rehearsing the Dutch National Anthem the 'Wilhelmus'. Believed to be the oldest national anthem in the world, it was written between 1569 and 1572, and was named the Dutch national anthem by royal decree on May 10, 1932.

## Songs of Praise

THIS is a special event being held at Tondu Methodist Wesley Centre tomorrow Friday, October 24 at 7.30pm, organised by Aberkenfig and



LEFT TO RIGHT: Jessica Robinson, Rhiannon Williams-Hale and Stephanie Bailey.

District United Churches everyone will be welcome.

## Cefn Cribwr

THERE will be a children's Halloween party in the Green Hall (Community Centre) on Friday, October 31 from 4.30pm to 6.30 pm.

It will be a fun-packed evening, for children from 0-9 years of age, with party games and prizes for best costume, raffle, hotdogs, cakes, drinks and optional fancy dress.

It is a ticket only event (£1 each, or £3 for a family of four), and has been organised by Cefn babies and toddlers group.

Contact Bev Hill, Sian Rawlings or Hannah Salmon (Email: sixgales@gmail.com, or call 01656 746623) for more information.

## Well done!

**KERRY JONES**, acting headteacher of Tynrheol primary school reports that there has been a 100 per cent take up to attend the parents' evening.

As a governor at the school I would like to add well done to them for supporting the staff at the school.

## Play pool

**CEFN Glas Infants** has recently had a new play pod installed at the school.

Every Wednesday at the end of the school day, a set of balance bikes is taken out of the school's pod, and parents are invited to join their children as they develop their co-ordination skills and take steps towards cycling without stabilisers.

These pods have already been a big success at Tondu and Nantfyllon primary schools, and provide children with safe and varied opportunities to play, and (hopefully) give them a healthy future.

## Mynydd

**Cynfigf WI** OCTOBER 14 saw the monthly meeting of Mynydd Cynfigf WI at The Talbot Institute.

It was chaired by Marjorie Goode, the president, with the minutes read out by secretary Enid Rymmer.

New business and dates for everyone's diary were discussed; among these were country walks, competitions, and demonstrations.

Pride of place were events over Christmas with the Christmas Tree festival the outing and the party with the president stating she would be organising an additional coffee and mince pie morning.

Next year is the 65th anniversary year of the formation of Mynydd Cynfigf WI and members were asked about thoughts on celebrating this historic occasion.

With WI business completed, speakers Paula and Clair discussed their topic, which was an insight into everyone's social responsibility.

The members had organised a food parcel which had been accepted by the foodbank.

The next meeting will be at the Talbot Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill on Tuesday, November 11 at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Sally Maybey and the subject will be 'My Mastermind Experience'. New members welcome.

## Donations

**OGMORE Vale primary headteacher J Morgan** would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the school.

Firstly, the items given for the school harvest festival held last Friday, October 17 which had been collected by members of Bridgend Foodbank; and also the wonderful amount raised at the school's Macmillan cancer care coffee morning. This totalled £463. Well done to everyone involved.

## Class invite

**TONDU primary school invites carers and friends of children in Mrs Richards/MRS Goldsworthy's class** Ewenny to join the class assembly tomorrow, Friday, October 24 at 10.20am.

Everyone will be welcome to stay afterwards for a 'linger and learn session'.

Susan would also like to congratulate the following children at the school who were given

awards for taking part in Aberkenfig library's summer challenge. They were Ellie Mai Davies, Esme Davies, George Jarman-Davies, Darcie Edwards, Cariad Evans, Maddie Flower, Sasha Flower, Benji Lock, Loveday Lock, Teigan Parsons Molly Price and Gracie Mai Sage.

## Legion concert

THERE is a fundraising concert for the Legion at Pontycymer Leisure Centre this Saturday, October 25, at 7.30pm.

The concert will feature the band and drums of the South Wales Police, Cór Meibion Cwm Garw (Garw Valley male choir) and the joint school choirs of Blaengarw and Ffaldau primaries.

Tickets £5, £2.50 for children 16 and under, can be obtained from Pontycymer Post Office.

On Saturday, November 1, there is a World War One centenary concert at Maesteg town hall, with the Maesteg 'Gleemen' male voice choir among the musical acts taking part.

Tickets £5, can be obtained from the town hall on 01656 733700, or from the Royal British Legion in Commercial Street.

## Benefit

**concert HERONSBRIDGE Special School** will benefit from a joint charity concert at Aberkenfig Bible Church (Old Lyric Cinema), Pandy Road, Aberkenfig on Saturday, October 25 at 7pm.

It features the 21st century choir, the Bois Goetre-Hen male voice, and the Wyndham Singers from Culme Valley, Devon. Tickets are £5 and net proceeds go to the school.

## Mercy Ships

THERE will be a coffee morning in aid of the charity at the Philip Squires Community Centre in Coytrahan, on October 25 at 11am. There will be a charge of £2, which includes coffee and cake, to raise funds for this worthwhile charity.

# 'Enterprise Troopers' swing into action... as Ogmores Primary answers the call!



A TEAM from Ogmores Vale Primary School is among 'superheroes' set to sweep the nation's primary schools as the Welsh Government's 'Enterprise Troopers' competition swings back into action.

Aimed at nurturing increased entrepreneurship in younger learners, children in Bridgend county borough became enthralled by the antics of the four 'Enterprise Troopers' characters when they visited the area following their creation in 2013 to encourage five to 11 year-olds in Wales to think about business and their future careers.

Minister for Economy, Science and Transport Edwina Hart is calling on primary schools to come up with their best business ideas yet as the enterprise competition looks to step up a gear and bring even more young talent to the surface throughout 2014 and 2015.

Enterprise Troopers 'Amy', 'Callum', 'Rhian' and 'Owain' are on a mission to further inspire primary school pupils to think big

and support schools and teachers in their development of business focused skills, having previously visited pupils at Ogmores Vale Primary as part of the 2014 campaign.

Ogmores Vale students spent the morning taking part in a fun and engaging workshop based around the theme of entrepreneurial thinking with the characters, which are designed as an engaging way for youngsters to learn more about four key attributes of entrepreneurship that are summed up by the acronym ACRO - Attitude, Creativity, Relationships and Organisation.

This is part of a wider Youth Entrepreneurship Strategy implemented through the Big Ideas Wales campaign to equip young people with entrepreneurial skills and attitudes to raise their aspirations, so that they can fulfil their potential whatever they choose to do.

Ogmores Vale Primary School headteacher Julie Morgan said: "We really value the development of entrepreneurial skills in our pupils – they thrive on the opportunity to solve problems, work co-operatively and 'think

outside the box'."

"The Enterprise Troopers provides a real focus for this work and the opportunity to develop their skills in real-life situations, including their literacy and numeracy skills – we are all very keen to get on with planning our competition entry for this year now, and I would strongly recommend the scheme to other schools too."

Entrants aged five to 11 years in Wales will be split into two categories, one for foundation phase and one for Key Stage 2. Attitude, Creativity, Relationships and Organisation.

Schools can apply via the Enterprise Troopers website and once registered will receive a 'Business in a Box' entry pack, including support and promotional materials to get teams started.

Shortlisted teams will then be invited to their regional final and, if successful, an all-Wales final to be held in Cardiff in Spring 2015.

To find out more about the competition, contact [www.enterprisetroopersbigideas.wales.com](http://www.enterprisetroopersbigideas.wales.com), or email [Enterprisetropers@cazbah.biz](mailto:Enterprisetropers@cazbah.biz) or call 0844 736 6150.



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## 'Candles light up Armando's final journey... and the memories will go on forever'

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

A Barry family say a touching tribute to husband and father of two Armando Armelin will live with them forever.

Armando's wife Kim told The GEM that she and her children, Lucy and Henry, will never forget the moment the funeral cortege heading for Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium arrived at The Bridge Cafe. Kim said: "On Friday, September 26, my children and I got into a hearse to make a sad journey to Barry Crematorium to say our farewells to my husband, Armando Armelin."

"We hadn't gone far when we came to The Bridge Cafe at the Knap, my husband's favourite coffee shop. "We were greeted by the familiar faces of the owners and staff, waiting outside in silent tribute."

"To our complete surprise and astonishment, there

**RIGHT:**  
*The family of Armando Armelin say they were immensely moved by the tribute made in his memory.*

were 60 candles lighting up both sides of the road under the bridge – one candle for each year of Armando's life.

"I can't begin to express how moved we were by this truly thoughtful and touching gesture."

"It will stay with us forever and will always make us smile when we think of it. Thank you all so much."

"It was so thoughtful and touching that the owners and staff took the time to pay tribute to my husband."

Kim added: "May I also thank everyone for the donations to Velindre on Armando's behalf."

"A total of £1,650 was raised at the funeral with additional online donations still coming in – our thanks to everyone."

The owner of The Bridge Cafe, Sharon



Richards, said that Armando was a regular visitor who the staff "thought a great deal of", and because they were unable to attend the crematorium, they decided to place flowers at the entrance to the bridge and line either side under the bridge with candles.

Sharon explained: "Armando was a warm, wonderful person who we wanted to pay tribute to. "I, my daughter, Christopher and members of staff Sue, Louisa, Barbara and Romain were all keen to show our respects to him."

## Generous business pledges support for people with cancer

by **GEM REPORTER**



*Rebecca and Sarah hope their free treatments will give people suffering from cancer a boost this October and November*

A generous beauty salon in the Vale is giving free treatments to people suffering from cancer.

Rebecca Van Praag and Sarah Brown of Beauty Basics feel strongly about supporting people with cancer and decided to offer free treatments to people with cancer during October, Cancer Awareness Month – although the offer will also go into November.

Rebecca explained: "It means a lot to us and we want to show people we care. I lost my mum

and aunt to cancer. "Whether you are a man or a woman suffering from any type of cancer, please get in touch and let us make October your 'feel good month'."

"There are a whole range of treatments people could choose from such as massages, reflexology, facials, HD eyebrows, waxing, nails and eye lash extensions. "Our hope is in some way to put a smile back on people's faces."

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# CAN YOU FIND SANTA'S REINDEER?

**PRIMARY** school-age children can get in the mood for Christmas by entering a special competition organised by Porthcawl Saint Sébastien Town Twinning Association and Porthcawl Chamber of Trade.

Important clues are contained in five chapters of a story – The GEM featured the first last week and the second installment is today, *below right*.

The competition is based on the story, *The Mysterious Disappearance of Father Christmas' Reindeer*, which has been written by Joël Guerriau, the Mayor of Saint Sébastien (Porthcawl's twin town) with illustrations by Mathieu Redelsperger.

The English translation is by Melanie Weaver. The first book Joël produced for children, *Fergie the witch*, was translated into several languages and adapted for the theatre.

The chapters in The GEM will tell the story of the disappearance of Father Christmas' reindeer – Rudolph, Donner, Dasher, Dancer, Vixen, Prancer, Comet, Cupid and Blitzen.

Children will need to read the story to know which one is which.

The plot of the book looks bleak for the reindeer, after Bright Spark, a brilliant inventor, fails to convince Father Christmas that he needs a

turbojet sleigh. Father Christmas is just not willing to give up his much-loved reindeer.

Bright spark gets the wicked witch, ugly Dora, to use a potion to change the reindeer into wooden toys.

Father Christmas finds out that his missing reindeer have been turned into wood and have been sold, with millions of others, to decorate shops for Christmas. So he asks all the children of the world to help him find them.

Any child wishing to enter should go to one of the shops in Porthcawl displaying the reindeer poster (*far right*) in their window and ask for a competition entry form. Forms can also be downloaded from [www.porthcawl-town-twinning.com](http://www.porthcawl-town-twinning.com)

In each of the shops displaying the reindeer poster, there will be a picture of a reindeer. If it is one of the nine belonging to Father Christmas, find the name on the entry form and enter the name of the shop in which you saw it.

You can identify which reindeer is which by reading the story. When you have found all nine of Father Christmas' reindeer, send your completed form to the Town Council offices.

Remember! Not all the reindeer you see will be the reindeer that belong to Father Christmas.

## RULES OF THE COMPETITION.

Children must be 11 or under at the time of the

draw. Only one entry per child is allowed.

The winners will be the first three correct entries drawn by the Mayor of Porthcawl at the Porthcawl Christmas event on the afternoon of Saturday, November 29.

All winners will receive a copy of the book, which is written in French, together with a copy of the English translation.

All correct entries received by the closing date shall be entered in the prize draw.

First prize, £25 cash and a £25 voucher, to be exchanged at one of the participating traders.

Second prize, £20 cash and a £20 voucher, to be exchanged at one of the participating traders.

Third prize, £15 cash and a £15 voucher to be exchanged at one of the participating traders

There will also be three runners-up prizes of a copy of the book, together with an English translation.

No cash alternative or change is available for the vouchers or any other prize.

**The closing date for receipt of entries is November 22.**

• If you cannot obtain a copy of The GEM, or cannot read it on line, then copies of the five weekly episodes will be available from the offices of Porthcawl Town Council in Victoria Avenue.



**Porthcawl shops taking part in the competition will be displaying the above poster.**

## Blaengarw Primary School celebrates good school report



**Blaengarw Primary School pupils with (back row, left to right): Ogmere AM Janice Gregory; Coun David Pugh (Blaengarw ward member and school governor); Coun Huw David (cabinet member for children and young people); Coun Marlene Thomas (chair of governors); Ogmere MP Huw Irranca-Davies; and headteacher Terry Emmanuel.**

**STAFF and pupils at Blaengarw Primary School are celebrating a positive report from schools inspection body Estyn, which rated it 'good' for its improvement prospects, provision, leadership and management, following an inspection in May this year.**

Estyn stated that most pupils, including those with additional learning needs, make good progress as they move through the school, with nearly all enjoying lessons.

Pupils are also well-motivated and demonstrate good attitudes to learning, as well as playing an active part in school life through the activities of the school council and eco committee.

The report highlighted opportunities for learning in the Foundation Phase and in key stage 2, and

praised the emphasis placed on good values and respect for others.

The headteacher, Mrs Terry Emmanuel, was singled out for her clear vision and purposeful leadership, with staff working well together under a senior management team to manage resources skilfully.

She said: "We at Blaengarw Primary School are delighted to have received such a positive report from Estyn, which is testament to how much hard work our staff, teachers and pupils put in."

"Our people are our most important asset, and I am particularly pleased

that we have been recognised for our teaching and learning outcomes, as well as how the school is run on a day-to-day basis."

The inspectors recommended an improvement in pupils' ability to apply numeracy skills across the curriculum, as well as the handwriting and presentation skills of pupils in key stage 2.

The school is also recommended to provide opportunities for key stage 2 pupils to develop better skills in reading and writing in Welsh, and to ensure that feedback on written work shows them clearly how to improve it.

Mrs Emmanuel added: "We will take on board Estyn's recommendations and continue to work hard to maintain and improve the school's prospects, provision and leadership in the future member for children and young people, added: "I'd like to congratulate everyone at Blaengarw Primary School for this very positive inspection report by Estyn."

"The report shows that staff and teachers have created a high-quality learning environment with good systems and structures in place, which give pupils every chance to achieve their potential."

## Search on for a festive young artist!

**THE search is on for a talented local youngster to design this year's Pencoed Property Christmas card.**

The theme is 'My House at Christmas' and it is open to all children under 11 – but budding artists will have to hurry as the closing date is November 17.

The chosen artist will win a prize of a Toys R Us gift card for

£25 and see their design printed up and sent out to all Pencoed Property clients in December.

Sharon Howe, Pencoed Property's branch manager said: "We thought it would be lovely to send out a Christmas card that was truly local, so instead of having cards printed with a recognisable scene of Pencoed, we thought it would be a good idea to have our 2014 card designed by a local

child. "Hopefully, the schools in the area will help with spreading the word as we have sent them out posters and we are advertising the competition in our office window in Penybont Road, Pencoed."

For further details, contact Pencoed Property on 01656 861010 or email [enquiries@pencoedproperty.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pencoedproperty.co.uk)

## The Mysterious Disappearance of Father Christmas' Reindeer

### Part 2 - Ugly Dora's Poisonous Potion

**Written by Joël Guerriau (Mayor of St Sébastien sur Loire, Senator and children's author)**

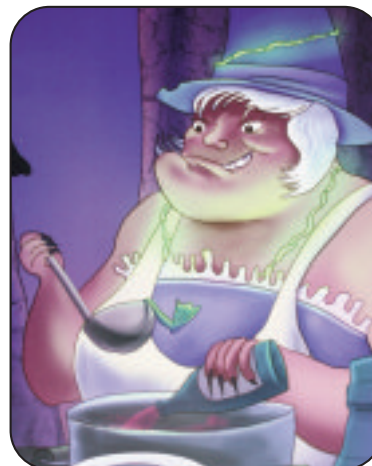
**Illustrated by Mathieu Redelsperger**  
Translated by Melanie Weaver (Porthcawl St Sébastien Town Twinning Association)

**F**OR several days, Bright Spark watched the nine reindeer as they ate their fill of grass, bark and willow leaves.

The first of them, Rudolph, was the guide. His amazing red nose lit up the darkness, enabling aeroplane pilots to avoid a collision with the sleigh.

His hooves were as wide as rackets, his fur was brown and his tail short ... He approached a rock which was covered with lichen and which had been sprinkled with the potion by Bright Spark.

Dasher was the quickest. He wore a stopwatch around his neck to measure his training speed. He was accompanied by the graceful Dancer, who wore a splendid oriental



**ABOVE: Ugly Dora makes her magic potion.**

dance scarf around his neck, which was a present from Father Christmas.

Several hooves away was the powerful Prancer, with his impressive set of muscles and his majestic antlers. He

walked with confidence next to the pretty Vixen, who did not hide her feelings for him.

Comet, who followed them, made the birds laugh a lot by telling them funny stories. Cupid, who could be recognised by the white

mark on his thigh, was in full conversation with Blitzen, who wore a golden lantern around her neck.

Blitzen's role in the herd was to light up the sky in front of the sleigh. With his nostrils in the air and always lagging behind, Donner, with his headphones stuck to his ears, listened quietly to his music while enjoying eating delicious birch leaves.

Peacefully, the reindeer grazed with delight on the pasture, so tasty, so sweet and so ... poisonous!

Hidden behind a bush, Bright Spark watched their transformation. Ugly Dora's potion had worked and all the reindeer had now been reduced to magnificent wooden figurines. All he had to do was to collect them and put them into his hunter's game bag.

*Find out what happens in the next edition of The GEM...*

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# Consortium's bid to improve local schools

**THE Minister for Education, Huw Lewis has launched the Welsh Government's vision for education in Wales for the next six years – with an emphasis on self-improving school systems at its core.**

With 408 schools across the Central South region, covering Bridgend, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf and the Vale of Glamorgan, already committed to the Central South Wales Challenge, his vision isn't far off.

Launched in January, the Central South Wales Challenge has created school improvement

groups (SIGs), made up of around 11 primary schools or seven secondary schools, which allow schools to identify strengths, and share and develop them across all the schools involved.

In addition to the creation of SIGs, the challenge has established a series of pathfinder relationships, consisting of a support school and a pathfinder school, which research has shown sees significant improvements in both schools.

Coun Christopher Elmore, Central South Consortium joint committee chair and the Vale Council's cabinet member for education, said: "The Central South Wales Challenge is designed to build capacity across

schools, so they can learn from each other and lead a self-improving school system. We are delighted by the uptake and engagement of schools in school improvement groups and pathfinders.

"Our aspiration is for all education authorities in the region to be among the top performing in Wales in absolute terms.

"Children in this region deserve no less and I am confident in the work that we are doing with schools, with the Consortium and with Welsh Government, that we can build upon our success this year and go on to raise expectations and deliver ever higher improvement across the region."



ABOVE: Dame Judi Dench with Jessica Simmonds of Goose Island.

## 'A' list stars are spotted!

**THERE was excitement in Cowbridge and the Vale last week as a number of 'A' list stars were spotted out and about.**

It all centred around south Wales' growing reputation as a centre for film and TV production, and it soon became apparent that Dame Judi Dench, Benedict Cumberbatch and Hugh Bonneville were all in the area.

The reason is the filming of the BBC's 'Hollow Crown' series – Shakespeare's history plays – where Cumberbatch has been confirmed as Richard III.

Last week, Hugh Bonneville was filming on Llantwit Major beach, while Benedict Cumberbatch was said to be filming scenes in St Donats Castle.

Dame Judi, however, was off duty and strolling around Cowbridge when she popped into the clothes shop Goose Island.

Jessica Simmonds of Goose Island told The GEM: "She spent 20 minutes looking around. We recognised her straight away."

"She was very complimentary about our stock, and particularly liked our Italian dresses, saying that her daughter would have liked them, as they were very much her style!"

"When I asked her for a photo she was really nice about it".

## Hospital 'spot checks' show good practice

**UNANNOUNCED spot checks to test standards of care in district general hospitals across Wales have found "no systemic issues of concern", a report has said.**

The independent team carrying out the checks on wards found numerous examples of good and notable practice which far outweighed a few, isolated examples where shortcomings in patient care were identified.

The spot checks will now be extended to look at the standard of care elderly patients receive on mental health wards in hospital settings.

Health and Social Services Minister Mark Drakeford ordered the spot checks to be carried out, as part of the Welsh Government's response to an independent review of care at the Princess of Wales and Neath Port Talbot hospitals, by Professor June Andrews and Mark Butler.

The spot checks of adult inpatient wards at district general hospitals in Wales were carried out by an independent team of senior individuals, overseen by leading Scottish academic Prof Andrews, former NHS England strategic health authority chief executive Sir Ian Carruthers and Professor Phil Routledge, chair of the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group.

They took place between June 15 and July 30 and focused on four areas raised in the Trusted to Care report: medicines management; hydration; the use of night-time sedation and continence care.

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# Hi-tech jobs are on the way to Bridgend

Report by PHILIP IRWIN

**A CANADIAN company based in Bridgend is planning an expansion programme that will see 620 new jobs created in Bridgend over the next five years.**

The First Minister, Carwyn Jones, and the Economy Minister, Edwina Hart, were in Bridgend on Monday (October 20) for the announcement by CGI, the fifth largest independent information technology and business process services firm in the world.

CGI will receive £3.2m business finance from the Welsh Government (WG) and the expansion will bring the total employed by CGI in south Wales to 1,540.

Bridgend currently employs around 25 per cent of the firm's UK-based staff, and the investment means that it should continue to be a strategically important part of the company's growth plans.

A WG spokesperson said: "The announcement comes following a meeting between the First Minister and Michael Roach, the President of the Canada-based company in Montreal in July".

The First Minister said: "CGI is an important employer in south Wales and I am delighted it has committed to continuing to develop its workforce in the region."

"Today's announcement is excellent news for the

region with 620 new skilled jobs that will yield knock-on benefits for local businesses and the wider community.

"The Welsh Government has recently awarded CGI anchor company status in recognition of its economic contribution and commitment to on going expansion in Wales. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the company to support its contribution to the Welsh economy."

Tim Gregory, president of CGI in the UK, said: "Our Bridgend based team will be at the forefront of delivering award winning services and solutions."

"We are delighted that the Welsh Government has recognised the quality of work CGI delivers, and the strength of talent of our Welsh members and is helping us to further grow the team."

CGI has three sites in Bridgend including a data centre on Waterton Cross Business Park, Bridgend Science Park and Waterton Industrial Estate.

The firm has also received significant funding from the Welsh Government's Skills Growth Wales programme, to assist in the continued development of CGI's skilled workforce in Wales. The funding is being used to train new employees and up-skill current members.

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# Charity triathlon raises £9,000 in memory of Hugh

**A BRIDGEND construction and property firm has raised in excess of £9,000 – by hosting a triathlon in memory of an employee from Llantwit Major who died of brain cancer.**

Seventy competitors from Jehu Group and their industry network, including The Principality Building Society, E J Hales Chartered Surveyors and Hendre Housing, took part in the lengthy course, which involved a 750m swim, a 21k bike ride and a 5k run in the local area.

Jehu Group will donate the funds raised to their charity of the year, Brain Tumour Research, which was chosen in memory of Hugh Walker, a former Jehu Group foreman, who passed away last September aged 46.

Participants began at Pencoeed Swimming Pool, then cycled to Bryngarw Park and back before finishing with a run that took them in and around Pencoeed. Of the 69 participants, 24 completed the challenge by themselves, with the rest divided into 15 teams, including Hugh's wife Amanda and two of his four children, Josh and Naomi.

Mr Walker's parents, Ben and Pat, started the race and presented the winning team with the Walker Cup, created in memory of their son. All funds raised will support the charity's efforts to research the prevention and treatment of brain tumours.

Simon Jezu, managing director of development at Jezu Group, said: "We're delighted to have raised such a significant sum for Brain Tumour Research, a charity dedicated to funding ground-breaking research which will help bring UK scientists closer to a cure for the 120 plus types of brain tumours."

"The charity has special significance for us, having lost Hugh Walker to the disease last September."

"This is the second triathlon that we have hosted and we are striving to establish it as an annual event in the Welsh construction and property industry diary. We more than doubled the number of competitors this year and we are looking to double it again next year."

"It was a certainly a big success and I thank all of the athletes, sponsors and organisers who made it possible for us to beat our donation target by 50

per cent."

Crispin Zeeman, head of communications for Brain Tumour Research, said: "We are thrilled that large organisations, such as Jezu Group, continue to support our charity to help us reach our goals. Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer, yet just 1 per cent of national cancer research spending goes on brain tumours."

"Jezu Group's significant donation will help to ensure we are able to continue our studies into a disease which affects around 16,000 new families each year: £9,000 will fund three days of research at one of our Centres of Excellence and enable Jezu to choose three tiles in memory of Hugh on the Wall of Hope."

"About £1 million per year is needed to support long-term research at each Centre (that's £2,740 per day), and Brain Tumour Research is calling on other corporates to fund a day, or days, of research to find a cure for brain tumours."

# Local man receives jail sentence for a drunken attack

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

He then offered to steal for them a laptop computer, and he said he would use a metal bar he had to smash his way into a premises.

The two men walked away, but seconds later, Lydden came up behind them and threatened: "Come on, boys, let's have you."

There was a scuffle between the three and Mr Groom was cut to the side of the head with the bar.

They noticed that Lydden also had the blade of a Stanley knife. "For those men, it was a fearful situation. Luckily, two community support police officers arrived on the scene and Lydden was arrested."

Both men said they had been frightened by the situation caused by the defendant, who was extremely drunk.

He later denied his aggressive behaviour.

The court heard he had convictions for 22 offences, and had been released from prison 10 days before the incident.

Mr Howells said he had convictions for assaulting the police, wounding, obstructing the police, battery and

public order matters.

His counsel, Byron Broadstock, said: "He is only 22 and prison is inevitable."

"The Stanley blade was used to cut drugs and was never used during the incident, although the metal bar was. Drink and drugs are at the heart of his

behaviour."

He said that his parents did not present a good example when he was younger, and he once wounded his father.

"He used drink and drugs to cope with past memories he would not discuss."

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# TAKING THE GEM INTO THE HEART OF NUMBER TEN..!

**A NEW address – slightly outside our circulation area – was added to The GEM's delivery round last week.**

Your best read local newspaper was hand delivered to Number 10, Downing Street, by GEM general manager Caroline Attya and Vale MP Alun Cairns at a reception held by David Cameron.

The Prime Minister received his own copy of The GEM, hot off the press, to catch up with issues in the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend. The GEM editions were also hand delivered to Number 11, Downing Street.

The reception was hosted by Prime Minister David Cameron for representatives of local newspapers around the UK.

He spoke of the important role that such

newspapers play in local politics, as a means of highlighting the concerns of ordinary people and holding elected representatives to account.

Caroline Attya said: "Mr Cameron had plenty to say about local newspapers – and he was very amusing too."

"As Prime Minister, he obviously has to move quickly from one style of speech to another."

"I think the previous reception required him to address the Yorkshire Cricket team who recently won the county championship!"

Mr Cairns said: "The Prime Minister was delighted to receive his copy of The GEM. He spoke of his support and interest in local newspapers in the Vale, and praised the wide range of topics covered in the newspaper."



Alun Cairns and Caroline Attya pictured at the Downing Street reception.

## Street lights set to go out across the Vale

by PHILIP IRWIN

**MORE than two-thirds of the Vale's street lights are to be switched off from midnight to 6am in a bid to save £1 million over the next three years.**

This policy will not, at present, apply to LED street lights – which are much more energy-efficient.

However, the Vale Council's figures say that less than a third of the Vale's street lights are LED. The figure is expected to rise to "almost a third" by the end of the financial year.

A council spokesman also pointed to savings in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as a plus point to the plan.

The proposal to introduce part-night lighting and reduce energy consumption was agreed by the council's cabinet on Monday, October 20, and will see the hours that street lights are lit changed to between dusk and midnight, and again from 6am until dawn.

In a statement, the council said that the total energy costs for the last financial year amounted to just over £900,000, including all street lights, road furniture, and traffic signals.

The existing LED lighting programme, and the new part-night lighting, will reduce this by over a third, with estimated savings of £370,000 a year.

It will also reduce the council's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 1,338 tonnes, making a "vast contribution" to the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme introduced in 2014.

Main road lighting will be subject to a risk assessment to determine whether they remain lit all night or are

converted to part night lighting.  
 Lighting in areas of high night time activity, such as town centres and busy junctions and areas of CCTV operation, will remain unchanged.

Coun Rob Curtis, the Vale Council cabinet member for the environment, said: "Not only will the use of LED technology and part-night lighting help

to save a significant amount of money over the next few years, which is essential, it will also have huge environmental benefits for the area."

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# '71 is a brutal, uncompromising effort...

**F**OR anyone who saw the brutal prison drama *Starred Up* earlier this year, lead actor Jack O'Connell was easily the stand-out performer, the former *Skins* actor showing a screen presence and ferocity that was palpable.

He is soon to be seen under the direction of Angelina Jolie in *Unbroken*, but first O'Connell stars in '71. Set in the titular year in powder keg Belfast, O'Connell plays Hook, a British soldier sent in with his troop to

support local police. When a riot takes place he is separated from the rest of his party, and must struggle his way through danger in order to survive and get out of there...

The synopsis of '71 could easily play out as a glorified Hollywood blockbuster, the 'man-left-behind' plot hardly the most original of stories. Yet under the auspice of director Yann Demange, and featuring another incendiary turn from Jack O'Connell, '71 is a brutal, taut piece of film making, set against a backdrop of political and national turmoil, which grants it a little more depth.

Meeting Hook at the

start, he isn't your usual soldier eager for battle; with his brother in a care home for boys, he's one of life's unlucky ones, driven to sign up less by patriotic fervour than by the chance to forge a career which will benefit him and his brother.

Demange and writer Gregory Burke aren't all that interested in sharp defined characterisation; this is less a study of a man's duties against his personal welfare, or an attempt to address the Protestant/Catholic divide; it's more a snapshot of life in Belfast at that time, seen through the eyes not just of the British soldiers being sent there, but also the locals involved, willingly or not, with the conflict.

There's no attempt to provide answers or reasoning to the events, you are simply allowed to invest in the characters and their situation, and the loose sketching works to its advantage here, the narrative informing the characters as much as



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the performances.

Demange's direction is thoughtful yet incredibly visceral; the scenes of riots and the ensuing action that takes place shot intimately, making it all the more powerful and jarring. Shooting with an economy, Demange's style is subtle and yet brutal, the violence feeling like the everyday event that it was.

One standout sequence, which sees Hook separated from his troop, is Paul

Greengrass-like in its immediacy, as Hook is chased by a group intent on killing him; using close-ups, cameras mounted on the actors and handheld footage, it's a horrifically stylish set-piece from the director.

There are classical elements at play, with the likes of *Assault On Precinct 13* a touchstone for Demange in terms of visual tone as well as its soundtrack, which is sparse and tension-building, with the film having the hallmarks of a western, the black hats and white hats replaced by berets and dodgy 1970s haircuts.

Working with his cast, he draws out strong performances across the board, with Jack O'Connell a tremendous lead.

It's a performance of physicality, much like his turn in *Starred Up*, but here there is less front and more soul-searching, as events unfold and Hook realises that the odds are against him. Sur's performance that allows O'Connell to show vulnerability and it's hugely watchable.

The film rests squarely on his shoulders, but alongside are some wonderful turns. Sean Harris excels at quiet psychopaths, and he's at

home here as an undercover officer whose tactics are resolutely off the books, while Killian Scott as a key figurehead hoping to make a name for himself is

uncompromising, and Barry Keoghan's Sean provides a tease of redemption, torn between fitting in or doing the right thing.

If there's any criticism of '71 it's only in the fact that the story doesn't really take you anywhere unexpected; if you're versed in these survival stories you can probably see the beats coming, while the villains of the piece are little too broad. These quibbles aside, '71 is a superbly tense effort.

**VERDICT** - A further star-making turn from Jack O'Connell anchors an impressive piece of work in '71. Its 'man left behind' plot may not surprise; but Yann Demange's superb direction delivers the tension and brutality that will draw you in.

Not an easy watch, but well worth investigating further. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Assault on Precinct 13* (1976), *Saving Private Ryan* (1998).



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**Autumn fayre in Penarth**

ON Saturday, October 25, The Children's Society's autumn fayre takes place in The Paget Rooms, Penarth, 10am-12noon.

There will be varied stalls - homemade cakes and preserves, plants and bulbs, books, gifts and

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For further information, call Ann Lush on 029 2070 3547.

**Llangynwyd winter fayre and AGM**

LLANGYNWYD Community Association will be holding its winter fayre in Llangynwyd village hall on Saturday, November 22, at 2pm.

Stalls include tombola, bric-a-brac, Christmas decorations, home produce, Girl Guides. Father Christmas is paying a visit and all proceeds go to Llangynwyd Association for the running and upkeep of the village hall.

The annual general meeting of the community association will be held at the village hall on Wednesday, November 19, to commence at 7pm sharp.

All are welcome to see how the hall has developed into a popular meeting place for clubs.

**Lady golfers' anniversary**

VALE Lady Golfers (formerly known as Vale

Lady Farmers Golf) are celebrating their 25th anniversary with a lunch on Thursday, November 27, at the home of president Mrs Linda Bird.

A spokeswoman said: "We would be pleased to welcome all past members and those wishing to attend should please contact Mrs Bird on 02920 593804 or Mrs Marion Lewis on 01443 231790 as soon as possible."

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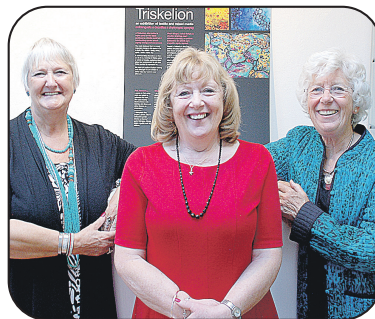
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## Llewelyn (15) lands a Lord of the Flies role

**A** 15-year-old schoolboy from Wick beat off competition to win a role in a groundbreaking theatre production of *Lord of the Flies*.

Llewelyn Brown (right) is now performing alongside professional dancers in Matthew Bourne's 'New Adventures' production at the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff, which opened yesterday and runs until Saturday (October 25).

He was selected to perform after taking part in workshops and auditions. More than 400 boys attended pre-audition workshops over the summer, followed by invited auditions held in Cardiff.

Llewelyn commented: "I was practically speechless when I was told I had been chosen to be part of the cast - it's an amazing feeling and I can't wait to get started, though I still can't quite believe it. I know it's going to be hard work but being part of *Lord of the Flies* will be

unforgettable." A student at Stagecoach Theatre Arts in Bridgend for 11 years, Llewelyn attends weekly drama, dance and singing classes. He attends the Moya Vahey School of Russian Ballet in Cowbridge, and is an associate member of the National Dance Company of Wales.



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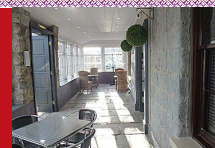
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## BARRY RFC - A FOCAL POINT FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY



Barry RFC squad 2014/2015

**B**ARRY Rugby Football Club is justly proud of its 127 year reputation as a community asset of the town and is open to everyone.

At its home high above the town with panoramic views of the the Bristol Channel the senior teams hold their league matches; hundreds of youngsters learn the game on Sunday mornings, and throughout the week the facilities are available for local people and organisations to use. Local residents can become social members at the club for £10 a year allowing them to use the club and watch Sky TV.

Jon Venners, who started as a youth player in the 1970s, said: "The club has 400 registered players. There are 'minis', juniors, youth players, three senior sides, and a ladies team, the Bombettes, which is ranked in the top five in Wales.

"The age range at the club is from six years old to veterans.

"On Sunday mornings we have around 240 people here - kids, mums and dads all encouraging

the youngsters."

Jon said that whether in Barry or further afield rugby union becomes a way of life for those that join a club.

"It gives a person discipline, the chance to meet people make friends and have a great social life."

Barry RFC has made huge strides in the quality of its facilities and is keen that local people should benefit.

"We are a community club open to anyone - whether it's for a MIND group, PACT group, or slimming organisation.

"The club is also available to be used for family events such as birthday celebrations, parties, engagements and funeral wakes.

"There is a friendly, welcoming atmosphere at the club," Jon stressed.

There have been big changes in recent times: a floodlit training area developed with help from the WRU, a new lounge with work done at a reduced cost by local building company Pinit, an outdoor terrace and a play area for younger children.

People enjoy watching Sky Sports at the clubhouse, playing skittles and pool.

The club is particularly keen to see more use of facilities by local people whether for charitable events or any other.

Taking up the theme, first team manager Stuart Lock, who is also fixture secretary, and has been associated with Barry RFC for 27 years, explained: "We are proud of the role we play in the community and the opportunities we provide.

"The minis and juniors' section doesn't just teach rugby skills, it develops life skills such as teamwork, discipline and leadership."

Stuart said that if there are parents who have youngsters aged six and over who would like to get involved in rugby, the club would be delighted to welcome them on Sunday mornings at 9.30am

where they would be guided and encouraged by qualified coaches.

"It is pleasing to see those who started as youngsters at six years old develop one day into today's senior players.

"There are not that many clubs that can boast such a strong mini, junior and youth section, three senior men's teams, a ladies' team and a veterans' team!"

The coaching staff has recently been strengthened at senior level with Liam Scott, former Barry player Rhidian Scott, and head coach former Pontypridd, Sale, Gwent Dragons RFC and Wales' centre Jon Bryant, taking the reins. The club plays in Division 3 Central A, but is focussed on climbing the league ladder.

Stuart said that the ethos of training has changed and Jon is very determined to bring through players with the potential to play in the first team.

Jon Bryant emphasised he was very enthusiastic about the playing future of the club and its ambitions for progression.

"I think the club has got great foundations in place. There is fantastic work going on in the junior and youth sections.

"Younger players are getting chances in the first team and only two of the current players are over 30.

"A couple of youth and second team players have responded well when they've been given an opportunity at first team level.

"The average age of the squad is young and there is the potential for them to be together for a long time.

"The way things are developing bodes well for the future."

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Karen Treweek and Richard Cook of sponsor Ewe Move with Jon Bryant.

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## A RUGBY CLUB FOR ALL AGES!



The clubhouse has this great new children's play area.

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The club recognises the contribution made by both its patrons and members over many years, who together with committed, supportive sponsors have been vital in progress made by the club – Karen Treweek and Richard Cook of Ewe Move; Lyndon

Smith of LDS Motor Factors; Ken Chow of Bridge2Aid; Julian Davies, who started his rugby at youth level with Barry and captained London Welsh, of Sears Davies Ltd; Gary Watson of Gary Watson Motors and Tony Mobey of Lyndon Scaffolding.



Barry RFC Vets team successfully defended their European title in Beauvais Veterans' Tournament 2014 – a third consecutive triumph, left to right, Jeffrey Williams, Charlie Chucas, Paul Haley and Clive Thomas.

The people who make the club tick – those that get up early to organise training, or to prepare the pitches, or spend time coaching the youngsters – don't do it for financial reward, their aim is to put something back into the local community.

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## A message from Barry Rugby Club's chairman

ON behalf of Barry Rugby Club, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everybody attending Barry's matches.



May I also take this opportunity to congratulate all the players, coaches and everyone behind the scenes, who work so hard to make a club a success.

A lot has taken place at Barry Rugby Club in recent seasons and it would not have been possible without the financial help of our patrons and sponsors, so may I take this opportunity to thank them all for their continued support.

As a club we wish to say a big 'thank you' to the Welsh Rugby Union Charitable Trust for the grant money awarded to Barry RFC.

GARY HAIGH  
(Club chairman)



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**BARRY YOUTH** – back row left to right: Lewis Samuel, Dylan Robertson, Michael Dobbins, Rhys Buckley, Teifion Osborne, Curtis O'Connell, Ashton Slade, Tom Vincent Hunt, Ben Dwyer, Liam Quinn, George Chucas, Frank Peake. Front row left to right: Ross Merrills, Morien Evans, Tom Adams, Chad Travis, Matt O'Sullivan, Lloyd James, Morgan Wheeler, James Jones, Garth Peake, Liam John, Jamie Leech.



The GEM-sponsored Bombettes are one of the top five teams in Welsh rugby.

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Barry Rugby Club has forged a proud tradition over 127 years, but is not letting 'the grass grow under its feet'.

The dream is for the club to have a two-tier club building in the future and to progress through the leagues.

Full club membership is just £30 a year – and you can have all the social benefits, the camaraderie that the rugby world offers, and be part of the club's

long-term journey.

For further enquiries, please contact the following: club secretary Colin Ham (deanneham@ntlworld.com), membership secretary Colin William Knapman (colin.knapman@ntlworld.com) and for advertising and sponsorship packages please contact sponsorship co-ordinator Jon Venners (jonathanvenners@yahoo.com).

## Family pledge wildlife work will go on Griff was 'a legend in modern day falconry'

by TIM CHAPMAN

'A legend in modern day falconry' – that's how the family of Ceri John Griffiths, affectionately known as 'Griff', will always remember him.

Griff (71) died following a tragic accident while a tree was being felled at the Welsh Hawking Centre on the outskirts of Barry.

His stepson Jamie, the centre manager, said that he and his younger brother, Griff junior, were determined to continue Griff senior's lifetime work.

Jamie told The GEM: "Griff founded the Welsh Hawking Centre when he took over the old Cardiff Zoo.

"He took on all the animals at the time, too, but his passion was always birds of prey and he became a legend in falconry. Griff was 71 and had flown birds for 55 years! He started out as a teacher and in every facet of life he was an educator – whether it was teaching nursery age children or

people drawing their pensions."

The Welsh Hawking Centre has its own education centre.

Jamie said: "It proved a real hit with schools who came. There was a real thrill for people when Griff was imparting his knowledge to visitors – he enjoyed the reaction.

"I and my brother Griff junior will continue Griff's legacy and to strive for what he wanted."

Griff was a pioneer in breeding birds of prey using artificial insemination and helped to set up programmes abroad.

He was also a tireless worker in the local community serving as president of the local Rotary Club.

Jamie added: "We will always remember Griff for his massive contribution to wildlife and conservation work."

Griff's funeral will take place at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium on Wednesday, October 29 at 2.15pm. Mourners are invited to Wenvoe Castle and Golf Club after the service.



**Ceri John Griffiths, known to all his friends as 'Griff', was a world class expert in falconry and is shown with a white gyrfalcon**

## 'Bailey and me...' One man and his dog boost charity cause

A Cowbridge man and his dog have helped to raise £225 for the Alzheimer's Society, by completing the Memory Walk.

Simon Wales told The GEM: "I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me and Bailey, and I'm delighted to let you know that we completed the walk and with your support raised £225 for the Alzheimer's Society,

beating the target of £200.

"Thank you to my friends and neighbours, work colleagues and residents of Cowbridge, including five local business companies.

"In no particular order, they are: Julie of 'Beehive', Simon of 'Simon's Cycles', Tesco Express, Darren and Paul of 'Select Convenience Store' and Nia of 'Caffi Nia' who unfortunately has left Cowbridge. Here's to 2015!"

## Local law firm receives national commendation



ABOVE: Alexandra Jenkins and Victoria Pearce.

**LOCAL law firm Newbold Solicitors have been awarded 'The Modern Law Award Highly Commended Law Firm of the Year'.**

The event was held in The Hilton Park Lane in London. Newbold faced tough competition against the UK's leading law firms, so it represented a huge achievement.

A spokesman said: "Our firm has grown so much over the past four years of trading, our revenue has increased by an astonishing 600 per cent. We now employ almost 40 local staff over four branch offices and are now able to serve clients from Cwmbran to Swansea."

Newbold's believe their success is due to employing the right staff, investing in new technology and research material.

"Legal research material is very expensive but without it, a firm cannot offer the very best service to their clients. They are, in effect, advising their clients from past

experience, rather than the latest case law and statute which changes daily. This gives us a huge advantage over most other law firms. The success or failure of clients claims are often down to this."

Newbold know that it can be difficult for local people to trust a new firm when they may have been instructing the same firm for 30 years. They may not even recognise the firm and fail to realise just how large Newbold's has become.

"Newbold now complete on literally thousands of house sales and purchases every year and offer the legal knowledge you get from instructing a large London law firm without the city centre fees.

"Newbold are pleased to announce two new team members to expand their busy Barry branch office, Torri and Alex (pictured above). Both have joined us from large conveyancing firms and they have an excellent reputation for providing the very best in client care," the spokesman concluded.

## Stained glass course in Sully



A stained glass course will be held at Sully Old School Hall from 7pm to 9pm every Monday. Telephone Eugene on 02920 345197/07813280128 for details, or enrol on the night.



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## Vale Brass band's birthday concert

THE Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, has given concerts at a number of venues in the Vale, and on Friday, October 31 the band, directed by David Short, will present their autumn concert in the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys.

The band, sponsored by Dinas Powys uniform outfitters 'A Class Apart' and 'CJ Contract Travel Services Ltd' of Barry, will include show songs, traditional brass band arrangements and marches. A special guest is euphonium soloist Robert Burnett.

"I started my musical journey playing bass drum in the Salvation Army, and at the age of 10, I was given a euphonium by my dad, who was the Junior Bandleader, and told to 'just get on with it,'" he recalled.

"I played with the Salvation Army Band until aged 18 and tried to give up playing, but my mum would have none of it and she pushed me into joining another band."

Robert went on to play solo euphonium with many of Wales' top bands, including Cory Tredegar and Parc & Dare, playing at venues throughout the UK and in Europe. He is now retired from top level banding and was a founder member of the 'Vintage Cory Band'.

"I spent some time living in France where I was 'forced' to come out of 'playing retirement' to play for two French bands. Although I am now living back in Wales where I have joined the Mid Rhondda Band as solo euphonium, where lots of my old Cory pals play, I am also enjoying the less competitive atmosphere of lower section banding."

The Vale of Glamorgan Band has already worked with Robert in the last few months, when he helped preparations for their appearance at the National Eisteddfod in Llanelli, where they achieved a very creditable fourth place. He also conducted the band at their last concert at Ffnon Castle in September.

The band has been fortunate in this anniversary year to play alongside some very talented local musicians, including the Porthcawl Male Choir, cornet soloist, Robert Westacott and singer, Patsy Hunt.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets priced £5, available at the door from 6.45pm or reserve them in advance on 07917 796841. PM

## Hog roast raises funds



THE Vale Mayor, Coun Howard Hamilton and Mayoress Carol Hamilton supported the Wales Air Ambulance Service hog roast fundraising evening at St Athan Community Centre.

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## Survivor's testimony 'powerful reminder of Nazi horror camps'

# Pupils learn about the Holocaust at first hand



Holocaust survivor Joan Salter with Llantwit Major School pupils.

ON Monday, October 20, 130 year-8 students from Llantwit Major Comprehensive School heard testimony from Holocaust survivor, Joan Salter, as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET).

The testimony was followed by a question and answer session, which enabled students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth.

The visit was part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive all-year-round outreach

programme, which is available to schools across the UK.

Headteacher Dr Browne said: "It was a privilege for us to welcome Joan Salter to our school and her testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced."

"We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Joan's testimony, it has encouraged our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives."

Karen Pollock, chief executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust added: "The Holocaust

Educational Trust educates and engages students from across the UK, from all communities about the Holocaust and there can be no better way than through the first-hand testimony of a survivor.

"Joan's story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances and by hearing her testimony, students will have the opportunity to learn where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead."

"At the trust, we impart the history of the Holocaust to young people, to ensure that we honour the memory of those whose lives were lost, and take forward the lessons taught by those who survived."

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Pupils learn more about 'Lynn the Leap' in a workshop at Ogmere Valley Life Centre.

## The day Lynn leaped into Olympic history

OVER 60 youngsters from Ogmere Vale Primary School came together last week to honour one of Bridgend County Borough's most famous athletes – 'Lynn the Leap'.

On Friday, October 17, pupils gathered at Ogmere

Valley Life Centre to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lynn Davies' gold medal success in the long jump at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

Lynn, from Nantymoel, jumped 8.07 metres to beat the reigning Olympic champion and world record holder, Ralph Boston, becoming the first Welsh athlete in the process to win an individual Olympic gold medal.

Friday's event, which was supported by BCBC's Active Young People's department and HALO Leisure, saw pupils taking part in workshops where they were shown Olympic memorabilia, including the torch carried by Muhammed Ali at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

They also learned more about local hero Lynn, and tried to guess the distance he jumped – with some even trying to beat his record!

BCBC Leader Coun Mel Nott, said: "Lynn Davies remains one of Bridgend County Borough's most iconic figures, and we would like to congratulate him on the 50th anniversary of his exploits at the Tokyo Games."

"This event shows that he is still held in extremely high regard in the county borough – not only by his contemporaries, but also by successive generations of young athletes, and it is a pleasure to see how eager our young people are to follow in his footsteps."

Lynn, who was recently made a CBE by the Queen, has been president of UK Athletics for the past 12 years, and remains one of the greatest athletes the UK has ever produced.

He attended Ogmere Grammar School and then went to Cardiff Training College. His first job was as a PE teacher at Bridgend Grammar School, where he was teaching when selected to go to Tokyo.

Lynn also played for Pencoed RFC for three seasons, and played football for Lewistown, where a children's park was named after him following his gold medal success.

He now lives in Castleton, between Cardiff and Newport, with Merial, his wife of 48 years.

## Time Out to support the ex-offenders

'TIME OUT' is a new project which especially supports ex-offenders and young people.

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Margaret Spill

## NEWS FROM BRYNTEG SCHOOL

### Dylan Thomas (and friends) see war poems published!

PICTURED: Abbie Matthews, Lizzie Dowdall, Kayleigh Granville and Dylan Thomas.



IN Mr Gibson's 'Creative Writing Club' Brynteg school pupils have done some really exciting work over the last year which has resulted in four pupils seeing their work published. Congratulations to Abbie Matthews, Lizzie Dowdall, Dylan Thomas and Kayleigh Granville from year-8 on having their war poems selected and published in the Young Writers publication, 'War of Words'. A delighted Mr Gibson said: "This is a fantastic achievement and proves what real flair for writing these pupils have."

## Town Rider eases mobility problems

PEOPLE with mobility problems in Bridgend county borough will soon be able to get around more easily – thanks to a new door-to-door community bus service.

The 'Town Rider' project run by registered charity Bridgend Community Transport, formerly known as OTED, has been awarded more than £51,000 from the EU-funded South East Wales Community Economic Development (SEWCED) programme towards the purchase of two accessible minibuses.

The scheme will help people living in isolated areas, wheelchair users, adults with additional learning needs and other vulnerable people to access essential services,

including healthcare and community and educational activities.

Supported by the European Regional Development Fund through the Welsh Government and run by a six-Valleys local authorities' consortium of Merthyr Tydfil, Bridgend, Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Torfaen, SEWCED has invested £6.4m in 110 social enterprises since it began in 2010, helping to create 18 social enterprises and 100 full-time jobs.

Established in 1991, Bridgend Community Transport is the only not-for-profit community transport provider in Bridgend County Borough, delivering an affordable, accessible bespoke minibus service for community groups.

## Pupils pen lines for 'Dylan's Great Poem'



PICTURED ABOVE: Chloe Cox, Imogen Lewis and Holly Jones.

BRYNTEG School was delighted last week to receive news that three talented pupils' work had been published in a poem to celebrate 100 years since the birth of Dylan Thomas.

'Dylan's Great Poem', a national competition organised by 'Developing Dylan at 100', encouraged anyone aged from seven to 25 to enter four lines of poetry based on the theme of 'remembering' for a chance to be published in a 100-line poem.

Encouraged and supported by their English teachers, Brynteg pupils put pen to paper and on National Poetry Day, assisted by Mr Gibson (English department) and Mr

Lewis (lower school librarian), submitted their short poems online.

After an anxious wait we were thrilled to find out that work by Imogen Lewis of year-7 and year-8 pupils Chloe Cox and Holly Jones had been selected to be published in the final poem.

The girls were ecstatic when they found out the good news and could not believe they were lucky enough to have their work published in a poem to celebrate the most famous Welsh writer of all time.

The poem was broadcast on BBC Radio Wales and can be found by visiting <http://www.developingdylan100.co.uk/dylans-great-poem/>. PD

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## Cancer help road show in Bridgend

AN interactive road show for people affected by cancer stops off at Bridgend Life Centre (The Rec) on November 6 and will feature a range of taster events and information stands, from 1pm until 3pm.

It is being organised by the Macmillan therapy team, based at Singleton Hospital, Swansea.

Advanced practitioner occupational therapist Wendy Wilkinson said: "We aim to introduce

people in the Bridgend area to the range of activities and support available in the area.

"There will be taster events for safe physical activities. There will be information stands from groups that provide physical, emotional and social support in the community."

"If you have been affected by cancer, come along and try something new."

Halo Leisure, which runs the centre, will be handing out free seven-day leisure passes to people attending the road show.



## World Mental Health Day at library



**FREE TAX ADVICE**  
AGE CONNECT Cardiff and Vale, is holding a free tax advice surgery at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, on Monday, October 27, from 9.30am-11.30am.

No appointment is needed to see retired professional tax advisers. Contact 01446 732385 for further information. Home visits can be arranged.

**TAXHELP for Older People** holds free advice surgeries at Llantrisant Library, Pencoed Library and the Barry Age Cymru office.

To book an appointment, or to use the telephone helpline, call 0845 6013321.

**WORLD Mental Health Day** was marked at Barry Library (above), with support, information and advice available from *Mind in the Vale*, Nexus and the PCSO and Police Volunteer Lisa Mathews.

Jane Huft AM for the Vale, spoke on the importance of raising awareness about mental health issues and needs and working together to tackle stigma and fear.

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**LINDA FEAGAN,**  
Supporter Relations Officer,  
Dogs Trust Bridgend



## Animal cruelty on agenda

THE Vale Council is organising a free seminar on putting an end to animal cruelty and wildlife crime on Thursday, October 30 from 5.45pm-8pm at the council chamber, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

Register by emailing Mark Petherick on mpetherick@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or phone 01446 709853. The seminar will be chaired by Vale biodiversity champion, Coun Rob Curtis.



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## Poets on an open mic

A **POETRY** reading and open mic opportunity for aspiring amateur poets was held at The Village Hall, Ewenny on Friday, October 17, when all proceeds were for repairs to Ewenny Priory Church.

Local poets Robert Minhinick and Kristian Evans began the evening with readings and reminiscences of Ewenny and surrounding area. It was also an opportunity to pay tribute in verse to

Ogmore poet Dannie Abse, who recently died aged 91.

An open mic session provided an opportunity for up-coming poets to air their material.

The success of this event demonstrated the creative talent in the Vale, and highlighted a demand for further such opportunities.

Anyone interested in arts events should visit: Ewenny Arts Festival website, and facebook page, as well as Sustainable Wales, Porthcawl. AF



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WINTER IS APPROACHING...

## So now is the time to get your vehicle serviced

**W**inter driving is all about proper preparation and ROSPA – the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents – emphasises that you and your car should be well prepared for journeys in the poor weather we are likely to get in the months ahead.

A spokesman pointed out: "Driving in the winter is very different from at other times of the year.

"Poor weather and longer periods of darkness, especially after the clocks go back at the end of October, makes driving more hazardous.

"Sometimes conditions can be extreme – in recent years we have experienced extremes of flooding.

"This means that we need to

adapt the way we drive. Different weather conditions create different hazards throughout the winter and in different areas of the country at different times.

"A single journey may take us into very different weather, road and traffic conditions, so we need to be prepared for each one."

He stressed that responsible motorists made sure they had a proper service before the start of winter and ensured the vehicle had sufficient anti-freeze.

What are the main things you need to have checked before the onset of adverse weather conditions?

**You should ensure that:**  
Lights are clean and working.  
The battery is fully charged.

Windscreens, wiper blades and other windows are clean and the washer bottle filled with screen wash.

The condition of tyres needs to be good, the tread depth and

pressure need to meet legal requirements (and that includes the spare!).

Brakes need to work well. Fluids should be kept topped up, especially windscreen wash (to the correct concentration to prevent it freezing), and also anti-freeze and oil.

**PREPARE YOUR JOURNEY**

The spokesman said that if a motorist was undertaking a long journey, being prepared was essential.

"Listen to local or national weather broadcasts and travel bulletins – especially for the areas you will be driving through.

"As conditions can change rapidly, check them regularly and be prepared to change your plans if conditions on your route worsen."

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The spokesman continued: "If conditions are very bad, and the emergency services are recommending that people don't travel, then avoid making your journey unless it is absolutely necessary."

"Can you postpone your trip? Can you travel by other means, or avoid the need for the journey completely by using the phone or email?"

"Of course, what's 'essential' to one person may not be to another; we each have to make our own decisions according to our circumstances."

"But, try to be realistic about which journeys are essential and which ones could be postponed."

**If you decide you really must travel:**

- Let someone know where you are going and what time you hope to arrive, so that they can raise the alarm if you get into difficulties.

- Make sure you plan alternative routes in case your main choice of

route becomes impassable.

- Keep your fuel tank near to full to ensure that you do not run out.

- Make sure you have a fully-charged mobile phone, so you can call for help or alert someone if you're delayed – it could be a long walk to a phone, if you don't have a mobile phone.

- If you don't have an emergency kit in your vehicle, at least take extra warm clothes, boots and a torch. Consider keeping a couple of long-life energy bars in the glove box.

- Clear your windows and mirrors completely of snow and ice before you set off (make sure the heater is blowing warm air before setting off – it will keep your windscreen clear.)

#### Prepare yourself

The ROSPA spokesman said most people have little experience of driving in extreme conditions, such as snow, so the organisation advised

people to take some time to consider how it affects their driving.

He urged: "Don't just drive as normal. When was the last time you had any driver assessment or training? This is an ideal time for some refresher training. If your employer provides driver training, take advantage of it."

"Or you can contact the RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders Group in your area. To find out which is the nearest to you, go to [www.roadar.org](http://www.roadar.org)."

"A lot of us will catch colds or other illnesses during the winter."

"If you're feeling so ill that your driving might be affected, don't take the chance of driving."

#### DRIVING IN ICE OR SNOW

If you find yourself driving in snow, or on icy or snow covered roads, ROSPA says you must adapt your driving to the conditions.

The spokesman advised: "Reduce your speed. The chances of skidding are much

greater and your stopping distance will increase massively."

"Only travel at a speed at which you can stop within the distance you can see to be clear."

"Speed limits are the maximum in ideal conditions; in difficult conditions, they can often be too fast."

"Avoid harsh braking and acceleration, or sharp steering."

"Always reduce your speed smoothly and in plenty of time on slippery surfaces."

"Slow down in plenty of time before bends and corners."

"Braking on an icy or snow-covered bend is extremely dangerous. The centrifugal force will continue to pull you outwards and the wheels will not grip very well. This could cause your vehicle to spin."

"To brake on ice and snow without locking your wheels, get into a low gear earlier than normal, allow your speed to fall, and use your brakes gently."

"Increase the gap

between you and the vehicle in front. You may need up to TEN TIMES the normal distance for braking."

"Keep your vehicle well-ventilated. The car heater turned up full can quickly make you drowsy."

"In snow, stop frequently to clean the windows, wheel arches, lights and number plates."

"Visibility will probably be reduced, so use dipped headlights."

"During wintry weather, road surfaces are often wet and/or covered in frost and ice or snow. But this does not occur uniformly."

"A road will often have isolated patches of frost or ice after most of the road has thawed – this commonly occurs under bridges."

*Getting stuck in snow is a motorist's worst nightmare, so what should you do?*

The spokesman said: "If you get stuck in snow revving your engine to try to power out of the rut will just make the rut worse."

"Instead, move your vehicle slowly backwards and forwards out of the rut using the highest gear you can."

"If this doesn't work, you may have to ask a friendly passer-by for a push or get your shovel out."

The spokesman continued: "If you get caught in a snow drift, don't leave your vehicle."

Call your breakdown service or the emergency services and let help come to you."

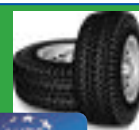
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### Weather conditions that can make your journey difficult

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RAIN  
Rain reduces a

motorist's vision and greatly increases the distance required to slow down and stop.

The spokesman said: "Remember that you will need about twice your normal braking

distance.

"Use windscreen wipers, washers and dipped headlights; drive smoothly, and plan your moves in plenty of time.

The spokesman added: "Aquaplaning is caused by driving too fast into surface water. When the tyre tread cannot channel away enough water, the tyres lose contact with the road and your car will float on a wedge of water.

"Aquaplaning can be avoided by reducing speed in wet conditions.

"Having the correct tyre pressure and tyre tread depth will maximise your tyres' ability to maintain their road grip.

"If it happens, ease off the accelerator and brakes until your speed drops sufficiently for the car tyres to make contact with the road again."

#### FLOODED ROADS

How should you tackle roads where flooding has taken

place?

The top tips are:

Avoid the deepest water – which is usually near the kerb.

Don't attempt to cross if the water seems too deep.

If you are not sure of the water's depth, look for an alternative route.

If you decide to risk it, drive slowly in first gear but keep the engine speed high by slipping the clutch – this will stop you from stalling.

Be aware of the 'bow wave' from approaching vehicles – operate an informal 'give way' with approaching vehicles.

Remember to test your brakes when you are through the flood.

#### FOG

Avoid driving in fog, unless your journey is absolutely necessary.

Fog is one of the most dangerous weather conditions.

An accident involving one vehicle can quickly involve many others, especially if they are driving too close to one another.

**See page 28 for the best ways to avoid a breakdown when the cold weather hits!**

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Winter is the season requiring most care and preparation, if you're to stay safe and avoid a breakdown.

Here is the AA's general advice for safe and trouble-free driving through the cold, dark months that lie ahead...

Lights, heaters and wipers put high demands on the car battery. If your driving is mainly dark, rush-hour trips, the battery will give out eventually.

Batteries rarely last longer than five years. Replacing one near the end of its life can save a lot of time and inconvenience at the side of the road.

Avoid running electrical systems any longer than necessary – turn the heater fan down and switch the heated rear window off once windows are clear.

If the car stands idle for most of the weekend, a regular overnight trickle charge is a good idea to give the battery a chance to revive.

Turn off non-essential electrical loads like lights, rear screen heater and wipers before trying to start the engine.

A squealing noise as soon as the engine is started is a sign the water pump is frozen – it's the fan belt slipping on the pulley.

The cylinder block could be frozen, too.

Stop the engine immediately and allow it to thaw out. This may take several days, unless the car can be moved to a heated garage.

If the car begins to overheat a few miles from home, it's likely that the radiator has frozen, preventing coolant from circulating. Stop straightaway, to avoid serious damage and allow the radiator to thaw.

Antifreeze costs only a few pounds, but a frozen and cracked engine block will cost hundreds of pounds to repair.

Most modern cars use long-life antifreeze – it's important to use the right type and avoid mixing different types. Check the handbook or ask a dealer for advice.

Glycol-based antifreeze should be changed at least every two years.

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# WEST END BARRY'S CHARITY FASHION SHOW FOR LAYLA-MAE PROVES A HIT!



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A charity fashion show to support six-year-old Layla-mae Cummings, who had a brain tumour removed recently at Great Ormond Street Hospital, raised nearly £1,400.

Layla-mae is the daughter of Claire and Gareth Cummings and the grand-daughter of Bob Armstrong of Dr Bob Balloons Unlimited in High Street.

The evening was organised by Jane James of Jade Boutique and Kathy and Ron Buckeridge of Scarlets Wine Bar.

Bob told The GEM: "As a family we were overwhelmed that Jane and Kath organised the event and at everyone's generosity."

"At first the models were a little nervous, but they got into the swing of things and there was a great atmosphere."

To top things off, Paul Adamson of The Jam Fund made another substantial donation on top of the £1,400 from the evening.

Bob said: "Paul donated £1,000 which was so generous of him."

Jane James of Jade Boutique, who was the inspiration behind the evening, explained: "We've raised nearly £1,400 and just wanted to support Layla-mae, Claire, Gareth and the family."

"Our thanks also go to all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes, the people who attended on the night, and the models and 'dressers' who put on the show."



IMAGE by GEMMA JAMES

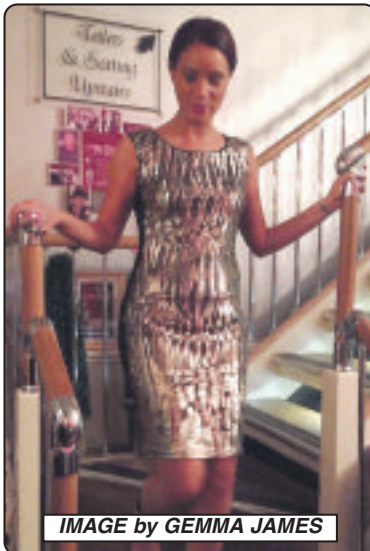


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# New post for Dr Smith sparks row in council

by PHILIP IRWIN

A ROW has broken out after the cabinet of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) decided to create a post for an extra member – taking the cabinet from six to seven.

Both the Conservatives and Lib-Dems accused Labour of ignoring the current austerity climate that was demanding cuts in many areas of council spending.

In a letter in today's GEM (see page 2) BCBC's only Conservative member, Coun Ken Watts, says: "The person appointed to this role is Coun Charles Smith, who will now receive £16,000 on top of the £13,000 he already receives as a councillor."

"This is an extra £16,000 that council taxpayers have to fund, at a time when they are already being asked to pay an extra 4.8 per cent on their council tax from next April."

"The size of the cabinet in Bridgend has remained at six for the past 12 years but, apparently, they are now so over-worked that they are having to put in eight and nine hour days in return for their pay of £29,000 a year."

"So, it has been decided to lighten their load by appointing a seventh cabinet member."

The Lib-Dem Leader on BCBC, Coun Cheryl Green, said: "While there are staff who are being made redundant after years of service, it is not acceptable to increase the cost of cabinet posts."

"I am sympathetic with issues of illness, but the cost of the extra post should be met from the existing six allowances."

BCBC confirmed that Dr Charles Smith has been appointed as the new cabinet member for 'Strategic Change' and



COUN CHARLES SMITH.

there was more than a little corporate jargon in the statement.

It read: "The role has been created to help drive forward the objectives of the council's corporate plan and assist in the delivery of the strategic change programme, as the authority meets unprecedented additional pressures caused by the changing face of local government services."

It went on to say that the post will be reviewed next May, when the authority selects its next administration and cabinet portfolio holders.

It says that an existing budget will be used to fund the salary until May 2015 and it will not come at any additional cost.

BCBC says that it is entitled to nine cabinet positions under current legislation and the new post took the total number to six, meaning it was still one of the smallest cabinet structures in Wales.

It should be pointed out here that BCBC say that there are six cabinet members because Coun Nott, as Leader, is not being counted.

Coun Watts said: "That is just absurd. The Leader chairs the cabinet and has always been counted as a member of the cabinet."

A retired university lecturer in economics, Coun Smith was senior quality manager in the humanities faculty at Swansea Metropolitan University, and has national standing as an

economics examiner and author.

Coun Smith, who is the ward member for Llangwydd and Brynhyfryd, said: "The council's efforts to cover an anticipated funding shortfall of almost £50m over the next few years means that the authority is making some highly significant changes in the way that it is structured and how services are delivered."

"As an economist, I have researched and published on the importance of education, training and strong local and regional governance to support economic development, and I will be applying this knowledge to the new role."

"It's not just about saving money – I'll also be collectively supporting my fellow cabinet members in their roles and looking at ways in which we can improve democracy and our relationship with the people we serve as well as how we can make efficiencies in a humane, intelligent way."

"Modern local government has seen an increasing focus on working more closely with other organisations to provide services."

"Partnership brings opportunities, and I'll be keen to assist colleagues with this, along with developments such as the electrification of the rail system through to Bridgend, our status as part of the city region network and the potential for tourism as demonstrated by the recent Senior Open in Porthcawl. Bridgend county borough has huge potential, and part of my job will be to help achieve this."

The Leader of BCBC, Coun Mel Nott, added: "Coun Smith is an excellent choice for the role of cabinet member for Strategic Change and I believe that the authority is going to greatly benefit from his particular skills and expertise."

## BRACKLA PUPILS TOP OF THE ACTIVE SCHOOLS LEAGUE!



Pupils from Brackla Primary School celebrating their Sustrans Silver Mark award with teacher Lesley Thomas and Bridgend county borough council's Sustrans schools officer Roger Dutton.

BRACKLA is the first primary school in Bridgend county borough to achieve the Silver Mark Award from Sustrans – the charity that encourages people to take more journeys by walking, cycling, scooting and public transport.

Brackla pupils regularly travel to school on two wheels, and enjoy taking part in the weekly 'Bike It' club sessions and Wheelie Wednesdays, where anyone who cycles or scoots to school is entered into a raffle to stand a chance of winning a prize.

Skills sessions have also been held so that the pupils can pick up riding tips, safety advice and learn about bike and scooter maintenance.

BCBC's Sustrans schools officer Roger Dutton said: "The pupils and

teachers at Brackla Primary School have put a lot of energy into their cycling and scooting initiatives, and whenever I visit the school I'm always pleased to see how full their bike and scooter racks are, even when the weather isn't so good.

"They deserve to be the first local primary school to achieve this award and I'm sure that others will be inspired to follow their lead."

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for children and young people, added: "Providing they can do so safely, travelling to school by bike, scooter or on foot is a great way for pupils to keep fit, helps the environment and also saves on petrol costs for parents."

"Making active travel part of a child's routine from a young age can help instil positive habits for the rest of their lives, and the pupils and teachers at Brackla Primary School deserve credit for setting an excellent example."

## Daniela coins in the cash for Ty Hafan on her first triathlon

WHEN Royal Mint employee Daniela Jones learnt to swim just two years ago, little did she know that she would be competing in – and completing – this year's Pencoed Novice Triathlon in aid of Ty Hafan, family hospice for young lives at Sully.

Spurred on by competition from two of her friends, Daniela, from North Cornelly, Bridgend, took part in the 400m swim, followed by a 17km circular cycle route, and finally a 3km run to complete her first ever triathlon, raising over £270 for the south Wales-based children's charity.

Daniela (41), had never been keen on learning to swim, but decided to do so as a role model for her two young boys. She soon found that she loved it – "I was hooked!" she said.

"I was so impressed with the invaluable work that Ty Hafan carries out in support of children and their families that I wanted to do something to contribute. I found that I



was able to fit my training around my normal life, swimming twice a week, running twice a week and on the weekend I'd go for a bike ride."

It turned out to be a tougher test than expected for Daniela, who not only faced the challenge of the triathlon itself, but had to contend with two kilometres in the cycling leg of the race, meaning that she had to complete the circuit using only one gear, which slowed her down considerably.

Undeterred, Daniela finished the experience in high spirits, saying: "I'll try again next year with a new bike and a better attitude!"

Ty Hafan, which celebrates its 15th

anniversary this year, provides comfort, care and support to life-limited children and their families throughout Wales.

The charity takes its support right into the family home and is there to help families through every step of their unimaginable journey.

Employees from The Royal Mint in Llantrisant chose to champion Ty Hafan as their 'Charity of the Year' after hearing about the work of the children's hospice.

They will have the opportunity to support the charity as volunteers through The Royal Mint's 'Give a Day' corporate community day scheme, or take part in Ty Hafan's planned fundraising events. Wendy Collie, business and community fundraiser for Ty Hafan, said:

"We're delighted that The Royal Mint employees have been so enthusiastic in supporting the Ty Hafan cause with this partnership."

"It's a great opportunity for them to gain an insight into the support, comfort and care we offer families at Ty Hafan."

## 'National Black Cat Day' to be marked in Bridgend



LEFT: Nessie.

IMAGES by SUE DOBBS

BELOW: Queenie.



CATS Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre is holding its annual 'National Black Cat Day' on Thursday, October 30, and is an ideal opportunity to show the world how wonderful black cats are, and to encourage people to find a place for them in their hearts and homes.

Following the success of last year's black cat campaign, the charity is asking people to 'paws' for thought when adopting and think about the plight of black cats who tend to lose out on homes to more colourful felines.

Two such cats are Queenie, two years old, and Nessie, eight years old. Both are adorable, and loving cats who have been overlooked because of their fur colour – sadly becoming long stay cats

at the centre.

"Once favoured by storytellers in tales of magic and witchcraft, black cats have developed an undeserved bad reputation that is still bubbling away," said Sue Dobbs, centre manager.

"However, at Cats Protection we are standing up for the 'under-cat' and asking people to remember that fur colour is only skin deep and to consider taking a black cat into their home."

To get involved with the activities and celebrations, go to: <https://twitter.com/CPbridgendAC> and show your support by uploading your own black cat photo and giving a small donation by texting BLK60 followed by £3 to 70070.

For further information, please contact Sue Dobbs on 01656 726621.

## JOBS BOOST

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The announcement was made on the same day the Economy Minister officially opened Tenneco Walker's new manufacturing facility in Merthyr Tydfil, creating 224 jobs.

A WG spokesperson said: "Both announcements come at a time when inward investment performance in Wales is at a record high. In 2013/14, 79 foreign direct inward investment projects were attracted, creating and safeguarding 10,805 jobs."

"The number of jobs recorded in Wales increased by 53 per cent on the previous year, bucking the trend for the rest of the UK, where total jobs numbers were down 35 per cent."



## Jones and Hook miss out as Gatland names squad for the Autumn series

NOTABLE absentees from the 34-man squad for the autumn Dove Men Series announced on Tuesday by Wales head coach, Warren Gatland, were veteran prop Adam Jones and the versatile James Hook.

The only uncapped player is 20-year-old Ospreys' prop Nicky Smith, along with 12 players who return after missing the summer tour to South Africa.

### WELSH SQUAD

**Forwards:** Gethin Jenkins (Cardiff Blues), Paul James (Bath Rugby), Nicky Smith (Ospreys), Richard Hibbard (Gloucester Rugby), Emyr Phillips (Scarlets), Scott Baldwin (Ospreys), Aaron Jarvis (Ospreys), Samson Lee (Scarlets), Rhodri Jones (Scarlets), Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys), Jake Ball (Scarlets), Bradley Davies (Wasp), Luke Charteris (Racing Metro), Dan Lydiate (Racing Metro), James King (Ospreys), Sam Warburton (Cardiff Blues, CAPT), Justin Tipuric (Ospreys), Dan Baker (Ospreys), Taulupe Faletau (Dragons).

**Backs:** Mike Phillips (Racing Metro), Rhys Webb (Ospreys), Rhodri Williams (Scarlets), Dan Biggar (Ospreys), Rhys Priestland (Scarlets), Cory Allen (Cardiff Blues), James Roberts (Racing Metro), Jonathan Davies (ASM Clermont Auvergne), Scott Williams (Scarlets), Hallam Amos (Dragons), Alex Cuthbert (Cardiff Blues), George North (Northampton Saints), Tom Prydie (Dragons), Leigh Halfpenny (Toulon), Liam Williams (Scarlets).

## FARMERS ARE TAKEN TO THE CLEANERS!

THE annual golf fixture involving members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society playing against their farming friends from the Monmouthshire took place last Thursday at Whitchurch Golf Club.

With a very strong team hand picked by society captain Mike King the odds were very much in favour of a victory for Glamorgan as they attempted to regain the inter county trophy lost in dramatic fashion last year.

Playing for one point for the front nine, one point for the back nine and one point for the overall result of each match three points were at stake in each of the 13 games.

Unfortunately, the busy daily working schedule of the farmers from the land of milk and honey compared to the more relaxed approach from the farmers from Monmouthshire was soon in evidence.

Society captain Mike King partnered with society President Geraint Davies could only collect ½ point from the opening match against Steve Waters and Jonathan Davies, and Brian Jones and Ray Thomas could only pick up just ½ point in their match against John Duthie and Trevor Baker.

John Caines and Mike Lee were whitewashed in their match against Ken Davies and Martin Ley while Dan Jarvis and Robbie Llewellyn suffered a similar fate against Tommy Price and Peter O'Toole.

Hopes of a comeback by the host county were raised when Clive Edwards and Martyn Edwards returned with three points in their match against Peter Harris and Nick Hill, together with a further ½ points picked up by Godfrey Lewis and Jim Hayes in their halved match against Bill Thompson and Mike Daniel.

Veteran golfers Aubrey Thomas and John Davies secured a further point against John Davies and John Walker, as did Glyn Watts-Jones and Chris Rooney in their match against Jim Horner and Andy Gully.

When Julian Golunski and Mark Rees collected three points in their match against Graham James and Gwyn Thomas to be followed back to the clubhouse by Keith James and Trevor Wooding who returned with 2½ points in their match against Andy Hilditch and Martin Richards signs of a Glamorgan victory were still possible.

Unfortunately, the expected late charge from the tail end of the Glamorgan team failed to materialise. Heavy defeats suffered by Bryan Owen and Keith Davies against Gary French and Gwyn Jones and then Clive Thomas and Tony McCarthy against John Anstey and Malcolm Francis proved decisive, and although Martyn David and Tim Jarvis secured one more point in their match against Alun Husband and Dave Chandler it was all to no avail leaving the Monmouthshire team victorious by 25 points to 14.

This surprise result has now brought the Monmouthshire Farmers level in overall wins with both enjoying success on 12 occasions since the first match was played in the early 1990s with one match being halved.

Nearest the pin on the par 3 holes were Johnnie Walker, Peter Harris, Tim Jarvis and John Caines. Martin Ley hit the longest drive on the selected hole to win the longest drive prize.

Members of the Glamorgan Society are now looking forward to their next monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday October 30 at the Monmouthshire Golf Club kindly sponsored by local NFU group secretaries, Julian Kelly and David Harris.

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## Madison and 'Treowen Rhys' make the perfect pony team

MADISON LOUISE DALLEY, a year-6 pupil at Pendoylan Church Of Wales Primary School and her pony Treowen Rhys, have certainly had a season to remember.

Rhys is a Welsh Section A pony who was bred by Ann Rees at Treowen Stud, based in Ystradowen.

The partnership gained early qualification for the Royal International Horse Show in both the 'First Ridden' and in the 'Home Produced' section. Following many wins and supreme titles at several local shows, they then qualified for Horse of the Year Show by winning at the Derbyshire Festival show.

Although Madison had previously won the Royal Welsh on her First Ridden show pony, it was always her ambition to win the Welsh equivalent and this she did with style at a very warm Royal Welsh in July.

In early August they then headed to Hickstead to compete at the Royal International Horse Show, where they won



Picture courtesy of Equinational.

the class. In September, they took Supreme Ridden at the South West Pony Association Championship Show at the David Broome Equestrian Centre and recently, the family set off from their home in Talygar to compete at the most prestigious show of the year, The Horse of the Year Show at the NEC in Birmingham.

Madison awoke at Sam on October 8 to prepare Rhys for the big occasion. The partnership was yet again fantastic and delivered a foot perfect show. There was a huge round of applause and cheers when Madison and Rhys were placed second out of a very strong class. This was the icing on the cake to a very successful season for this amazing partnership between pony and rider.

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# Bonus point win for Pencoed RFC



Pencoed youngsters kitted out for the new season.  
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**PENCOED first XV picked up another bonus point win, beating Taibach 41-3.**

We scored seven tries, but should have scored at least three more, the scores coming from Tom Cross (2), Gareth Prentice (2), Liam Halse, Rhys Pope and Christian Powell, with Adam Williams landing three conversions; Rhys Pope was awarded man of match.

We are away to Beddau in the cup this week - there is a list in the club for a supporters bus, contact the club for more details.

The youth lost to Aberavon Quins 55-0, while the Phoenix under-16s won 25-12 against Treorchy, with tries by Kayleigh Powell (2), Megan Griffiths, captain Amy Morgan, and Megan Whittaker; the under-13s earned a 40-12 win against Bryncethin.

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## ATHLETIC STRUGGLE TO VICTORY

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Team manager Paul Hearn summed up a generally disappointing Athletic display, saying: "We'll take the win but never really got going. Our scrum, driving play and decision making was poor on the day. Some forwards were lethargic and need to put the effort in during training this week if they want to be included away to Merthyr this coming Saturday. Mustoe added enthusiasm when he came on but we were well below par all over the field today. Merthyr away this Saturday and Pontypool home on November 1 will be a step up."

LLANHARAN 2ND XV 5

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC 2ND XV 33

Bridgend Athletic made it five league wins in five outings, four with bonus point victories, including this fixture at Llanharan in which they crossed for five tries in a 33-5 victory. They comfortably top the league.

The pack laid the foundation for the victory scoring all five tries. Hooker Iestyn Merryman crossed for a hat trick and man of the match No 8 Robert Davies weighed in with a brace; outside half Scott Govan converted four of the tries.

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## THE PORTHCAWL RFC JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

**PORTHCAWL under-8s' first home game of the season saw them entertain Bridgend Sports, who brought good numbers allowing us to play two teams.**

Bridgend brought with them a strong running game, where our defence needed to be on top form to stop their runners getting going.

In Phil and Stuart's group our defence was straight out of the blocks with Lewis leading the charge, coming out top tagger, tirelessly running out in defence, closely followed by Rose, Lex and Dylan all putting in a great tagging performance.

This allowed our attack to exploit the gaps with Lewis, Rose, Lex and Samuel scoring great tries after great build up from the team. Samuel performed strongly all day, scoring three tries and delivering a strong performance in defence which saw him take the individual clubman award, achieving his personal objective by improving his tagging and taking the ball at pace as well as helping

the coaches during training.

The performance in the first game was superb, winning 6-1 but in the second game the strong running of Bridgend, and our inability to hold the defensive line allowed Bridgend to exploit our dog-leg defence going down 6-0.

In Rob's group of players we failed to wake up until the dying minutes of the second half. Our defence remained static allowing Bridgend to run hard at our line, and apart from Piers our defence were happy to watch world go by!

We continued to follow the ball like bees round honey for the remainder of the game, allowing Bridgend's strong runners to race ahead to an 8-0 lead, until Dewi and Ryan then scored, the first game finishing 8-2.

In the second game we were shocked into action and we started far more confidently in defence and attack, running hard at their gaps in defence allowing Dewi and Ryan to further add to the scoring along with Rose, who scored two long range efforts backing her pace and attacking the gaps.

Piers continued his strong performance in both attack and defence making a difference to the team, never letting his head drop even in the first game - he was awarded the outstanding performance award.

The final score was 18-16 in our favour.

Try scorers: Dewi (6), Oscar, Rose (2), Lex, Lewis, Samuel (3), Ryan (2).

ROB HOOPER

**The under-9s hosted Bridgend Sports for the first time in a while.**

Off to our usual slow start, we seemed to play ourselves out of the chance of winning within minutes. Bridgend Sports on the other hand gained more and more confidence and converted this into scoring attempts and finally tries.

Bridgend were deserved winners, with our only try coming at the death from a well worked move involving Grace, Dylan and Will off the back of a scrum; 1-7 was the final score and very much earned by our respected opponents.

We need to attack as a team, which in truth we have gotten away with up until now with our faster players, while defending needs to be at least where it was last season. We were very impressed with the determination of all our players right at the end who were desperate to get over that try line and did so with some cool heads and straight running. We are better than our results might suggest and need to up all levels of our game.

Captain's comment: "Eight people were involved with our try, five in the scrum, Grace as scrum half, Dylan as decoy and myself (Will) as the runner. A try we deserved that we could not have scored unless we were together as a team." Try scorer: Will Thomas-Parker.

JASON PARKER

## A hole-in-one for local golfer

**THE time was right for a Bridgend golfer when she scored a hole-in-one during a recent club competition to be rewarded with a limited-edition BOSS watch as recognition for the achievement.**

Cheryl Western (50) scored her ace on the 137-yard, par-three 12th at her club, the Grove GC, and the eight-handicapper was rewarded with membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches HI Club and a specially-commissioned, commemorative timepiece.

The luxury German brand has once again pledged to reward club golfers with an exclusive watch for every hole-in-one recorded during a club competition in 2014 after giving away £600,000-worth of limited-edition mementos in 2013 - and Western is among the latest to achieve the feat this year.

The scheme is open to any golfer whose club uses HowDidiDo - a free-to-use, web-based social network for golfers - and anybody playing in official club competitions is eligible. Currently, more than 1,800 clubs use the website.

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## Birthdays

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## Public Notice

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## Family Notices

### BURFITT

**Ruby Mary**  
(née Copp)

Passed away at UHW on October 10, 2014. Ruby of Barry, beloved wife of the late Jack, much loved mum to Alan, Vivien, Elaine and Kenneth, devoted gran and great gran, cherished sister to Audrey and the late Peggy, Sydney, Beryl and Gwyneth, and much loved sister-in-law and aunt.

Ruby will be very sadly missed by her family and friends.

Resting at the Vale Funeral Home, 181 Court Road, Barry until the funeral service to be held on Friday October 31, at St John Methodist Church, Barry Island at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 12.00 noon.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, may be made directly to Ty Hafan. Further enquiries to the Vale Funeral Service on 01446 407962.

### BAKER

**Albert Raymond BEM**  
1923-2014

Passed away at Llandough Hospital on October 14 after a short illness. Beloved husband of Iris. Dearest father to Roger, Julia and the late Ceri. Cherished father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. Albert was the youngest brother in the former family coal merchants, W Baker & Sons Ltd of Gaen Street, Barry. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends and acquaintances.

Resting at AG Adams & Son Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service in the chapel on Monday, October 27 at 11.30am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 12.45pm. Family flowers only, please, but donations in lieu may be handed to the funeral director on the day or sent to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Whitechurch, Cardiff CF14 2TL.

### GRIFFITHS

**Ceri John 'Griff'**

Norma Griffiths and family are saddened at the unexpected death of Ceri John Griffiths, "Griff", of the Welsh Hawking Centre on Tuesday, 14th October 2014.

Griff's funeral takes place at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, CF62 9PX on October 29 at 2.15pm. Mourners are invited to celebrate Griff's life at the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club after the service. No flowers by request, donations for a memorial for Griff are welcomed. These can be sent to J James, 11 Fonmon Rd, Rhosce CF62 3DZ.

### THOMAS

**Brenda**

Peacefully, on October 16 at Llandough Hospital, Brenda of Llanmaes, beloved wife of the late Ian (Ianto), dearly loved mother of Stewart and Denise, dear mother-in-law of Jayne and Steve, a loving nan of Glyndwr, Liam and Blaine.

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Funeral on Monday 3rd November, service and interment at St. James's Church, Wick, at 2.00 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow St, Bridgend. Tel 01656 650831.

### JOHN B. ROBERTS

1936 - 2014

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The funeral will be held at 2.45pm, 27th October at Coychurch Crematorium.

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## Lost & Found

### LOST

Missing from St Athan and last seen in East Aberthaw

Lost 19/10/14 King Charles Cav x Beagle. Aisha is a very scared dog - do not approach!

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# Cowbridge Comprehensive sports round-up



Lydia Hitchings.



Year 8 netball team.

## COWBRIDGE Year 7 played against St Richard Gwyn at netball.

The first game saw Cowbridge beaten 12-5 by a very good team who were strong in defence and accurate in attack. Alexa Browning, Cowbridge goal shooter, was awarded player of the game.

In the second game Cowbridge lost again 8-0 with Hannah Martin being awarded player of the match. Well done to St Richard Gwyn.

**Team 1:** Alexa Browning, Alice Rees, Amelie Clode, Emma Jones, Caitlin Roy, Livvy Cross, Lowenna Radcliffe, Ellie Williams. **Team 2:** Isabelle Gibbon, Emily Hodgkin, Josie Pix, Hana Martin, Cyan McHardy, Molly Veysey, Seren Rees.

The Year 10 and 9 'A' team played against Bro Morgannwg Year 10 'A' and 10 'B' team. The Year 10 team played first, winning a good match 19-13. Annabel Hegarty was nominated player of the game for her accurate shooting and attacking play.

The Year 9 'A' team played the Bro Morgannwg Year 10 'B' team. At halftime Cowbridge led 5-1 and by full time won 15-2 with Tirion Evans being nominated player of the match for her excellent interceptions in defence.

**Year 10 team:** Emily Forrest, Selina Radcliffe, Nia Davies, Sophie Oddy, Hannah Sloan, Amy Williams, Annabel Hegarty. **Year 9 team:** Olivia Mitchell, Sophie Rees, Jordan Meek, Meriel Clode, Molly Ward, Tossell, Tirion Evans, Sarah Lewis,

Paige Fox.

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Cowbridge School cross country girls team competed in the South Wales Cross Country Championships at Trelai Park in very wet and muddy conditions.

The Year 7 and 8 girls competed against each other. With 339 girls competing the Cowbridge girls did really well. Year 8 pupils - Sophie Hawkins came 9th, Charlotte Tudor 10th, Alice Coe 19th and Eve Demmer came 41st to complete the A team, who came 3rd behind Glantaf and Porthcawl.

The B team were made up of Year 7 pupils, Hannah Dixon came 43rd, Amelie Clode 45th, Isobel Annetts 53rd and Cyan McHardy 59th. This team came 2nd behind Glantaf. In the C team Year 8 Eve Bird came 71st, Year 7 Jessica Burt came 93rd, Year 8 Ffion Hughes came 99th and Year 7 Saffron Maurice came 107th to come 6th team. Maya Williams also ran coming home 122nd place. An amazing achievement by all pupils.

In the Year 9 and 10 race Jessica Wadey Year 9 came 3rd in a really good battle with five other girls running together throughout the race. Year 10 Selina Radcliffe was next home followed by Meriel Clode in 29th and Georgia Armitage in 30th. This quartet came first team! A great achievement.

Next home was Year 9 Emily Jenkins in 35th and



Year 8 football team.

Mali Howell 41st, Year 10 Molly Ann Rees 60th and Year 9 Aimee Jones 62nd; the B team also came first. In the C team, Imogen Marlor came 78th, Sophie Oddy 82nd, Charlotte Bonney 86th and Alys Pritchard 87th - their team came second. The other runners were Lowri Morgan 99th, Megan Roberts 102nd and Jasmine Emery 106th.

In the senior race, Year 11-13 girls ran together. Year 11 Cerys Bradshaw came 12th, Jemma Viney 20th, Year 12 Rebecca Thomas came 24th and Year 11 Libby Jervis came 29th to complete the team who came third behind Cardiff High and Glantaf.

A great result by all the Cowbridge runners in cross country race, the next race is the third and final league race of the season at Trelai on November 4.

## FOOTBALL

The Year 7 football team played Plasmawr Comprehensive School on Monday, October 13. Fresh from their excellent 7-4 victory over Barry Comprehensive School, spirits were high.

At the start of the game, the astroturf pitch took the Cowbridge boys by surprise, but they soon settled down. Cowbridge started the game best, and created a number of chances, including Cole Saunders hitting the bar and Tom Evans putting the ball narrowly wide.

As the game progressed Plasmawr stamped more and more of their authority on the game. Cowbridge

stuck to their guns and remained solid at the back. The first goal was scored by Cowbridge, with James Critcher making a menacing run into the box and neatly tucking the ball into the back of the net. Cowbridge looked the better team in the first half, but Plasmawr managed to score two goals in the last 10 minutes. One neatly taken goal, and a smash and grab meant the tides had turned and Plasmawr entered the second half in the lead.

Cowbridge were only in third gear, and had a lot more to give. The second half began, but Cowbridge could not get a foothold in the match. Every pass so going a little too far, every shot was going agonisingly wide and every ball was bouncing the wrong way. Third gear did not progress to fourth or fifth, but the boys still fought on valiantly even though things were not going their way.

Plasmawr extended their lead with another long range effort, which was unstoppable. Cowbridge did pull one back, with Tom Evans showing his skills off with a sweet double dummy and shot into the right hand corner.

Plasmawr on the day were just a little bit more organised than Cowbridge, and skill told on the bouncy, fast astroturf pitch. Cowbridge pushed and pushed for the third and equalising goal, but it would not come! Cowbridge then got caught on the break twice by Plasmawr, which made the final score 5 - 2.

Well done Year 7! You all tried your best, but unfortunately the game did not go our way, although, it wasn't for the want of trying.

There will be more tests in the future, but we will learn from this and become a better team as a result.

*Player of the match: Jacob Tiesen.*

The Year 8 football team played Mary Immaculate Comprehensive School on October 14, in the first round of the Cardiff and Vale Cup.

The teams met last year in the quarter-final of the cup, with Cowbridge winning 6 - 5 in the dying embers of the game. Therefore, both sides knew the game was going to be a tough one.

The game started with Cowbridge taking control of early possession and territory, although the odd ball pass was letting the side down. As the game progressed, Cowbridge looked dangerous.

Charlie Carr opened the scoring with an excellent cut back inside, and a right-footed shot into the corner. From this moment on, Cowbridge continued to pressurise Mary Immaculate and before the end of the half was signalled, Cowbridge managed to sneak another goal.

The second half was a totally different game. Mary Immaculate were in the right positions at the right times, they were playing some outstanding tika-taka football, and Cowbridge started to struggle to contain them.

After 15 minutes of the second half, Mary Immaculate were awarded a penalty, and the ball was neatly dispatched by their captain. Mary Immaculate continued to control the game, and if it wasn't for a few great saves each from Charles Phillips and Arthur Jones, the scores would have been level. Cowbridge managed to hold on until the end of the game, and came through a tough game which ended in a victory.

Well done Year 8! You stuck in there and grinded out a victory. Player of the match: Will O'Connor.

## NETBALL

Congratulations to Lydia Hitchings who has gained selection to represent Wales under-21s in netball and the under-19 Celtic Dragons.

Cowbridge Year 8 A & B teams played against Llantwit for the first time this year. Cowbridge A team took the lead within the first play and did not look back. The game consisted of four quarters and Cowbridge dominated. The defence denied Llantwit any chance of a goal while the attacks were taking every chance they had with some excellent shooting. Final score 34-0, player of the match: Beth Edwards.

Cowbridge B team's game was just as strong. Cowbridge started slow, however, once the first goal was scored there was no stopping them. In the first quarter Cowbridge were up 7-0 and showed brilliant defence and interception skills. Cowbridge continued to further their lead in each quarter and finished with a 28-0 win. Player of the match: Charlotte Tudor.

# LLANTWIT MAJOR JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

WITH a squad depleted by injury and unavailability, Llantwit Major AmmoKnights travelled up the M4 corridor to visit Taffs Well hoping to bounce back from last weekend's heavy defeat.

It didn't take long for the AmmoKnights to burst into life like the hot springs situated in the Cardiff village. Following some neat play the ball found its way to Morgan Greenaway who dummied and scampered through the Taffs Well defence before releasing open side Morgan Jenkins to score under the posts.

Ethan White accepted the easy conversion and memories of last week's mauling began to fade away.

It was Jenkins again who caused a turnover and some slick hands gave fullback Ben Moignard the space to outpace the cover defence and run the 60 yards to score. Ethan White converted and no sooner had he got back into position when a quick Taffs Well kick off found him waiting to return the ball.

Ten seconds and 90 yards later he too was scoring under the posts, and as he got his breath he slotted the conversion and the AmmoKnights were 21-0 in the lead.

Taffs Well finally got into the game with a sustained period of forward play and crashed over from two yards to reduce the deficit to 21-7. The AmmoKnights had the last word of the half, when they again countered from the own 22.

Following turnover ball, the ball was spread wide again and Leighton Pawsey also fancied the long run to score under the posts and a conversion finished the half 28-7 in Llantwit's favour.

The fans were still rushing back with the halftime coffee and bacon sandwiches by the time Ethan White had added two more converted tries to take his personal game tally to 27 points.

At 42-7 the AmmoKnight fans could hardly believe what they were seeing as the travelling team started to play some magical rugby. Taffs Well kicked off to Zac Williams who powered through several defenders and set up good second phase.

Outside half Ben Reilly then cut through the Taffs defence to put White clear. With the line at his mercy White passed the ball back to Reilly who gratefully accepted to score under the posts. With conversions being cancelled due to several balls being lost in the woods behind the posts Llantwit were 47-7 up and looking for more.

A brief foray into the Llantwit 22 brought its rewards to Taffs Well who added a second try before the AmmoKnights added two more.

The first followed some determined defence by Cian, whose powerful tackle knocked the ball from the Taffs Well attacker's hand. Davies then picked up the spilled ball and ran 40 yards to reward his own endeavour.

The final try was scored when Morgan Greenaway intercepted on the halfway line and as he looked to slow before the line a strong gust of wind helped him over the line for the final action of the match and a handsome 57-12 victory.

**MR Llantwit under-10s were off on their travels again, this time to Pontyclun. With both teams having good numbers, four 10 minute quarters were played, letting all players have a good run.**

Sam A made the first fantastic run down the line to score Llantwit's first try. With Rhys G converting the try, it was a good start for Llantwit.

From the restart Llantwit chased everything, and Dylan M quickly picked up loose ball and ran in two good tries. Unfortunately both conversions were missed, but Llantwit were still doing well.

After a quick swap around, Pontyclun were pushing Llantwit's defence to work hard, and Corey and Cristian were tackling and rucking well.

It was Sam H who made the next run for the line after some great offloads scoring his first try of the match and Rhys G added the conversion.

With Pontyclun on the back foot, it was Owen who finished this quarter with a try, the halftime score Pontyclun 0, Llantwit 29.

The next quarter saw Pontyclun throw all that they had at Llantwit, and

they did manage to push over the line to score a try.

After a great passage of play and some awesome rucking, Llantwit had turnover ball, and Owen ran off to score his second try of the match, which was converted by Josh.

Sam A had two fantastic runs down the touchline to score two more tries for Llantwit, with one missed conversion, Dylan W's conversion being the final play of the match.

With the fantastic referee from Pontyclun explaining to both side all his whistle stops, it was another great game from Llantwit under-10s, the final score 48-5 to Llantwit.

Man of the match went to Josh Wakeham for his awesome tackling.

**Try scorers:** Sam A (3), Dylan M (2), Owen (2) and Sam H; conversions: Rhys G (2), Josh and Dylan W.

**Squad:** Josh Wakeham, Sam Harry, Owen Hill, Rhys Davies, Corey Lougher, Dylan Morgan, Rhys Greenaway, Sam Alexander, Tom Roberts, Logan Pike, Abraham Farrell, William Harrison-Watt, Cristian Parry, Will Sqaunce, Dylan Wright, Caleb Beare, Jamie Jenkins and Jack Evans.

**SR Sunday saw the under-9s travel to Pontyclun with a turn out of 16 players; the coaches decided to play two 10-a-side 20 minute matches.**

The players for the first match were Flynn Barry, Brandon Harris, Rhys Hoggarth, Carwyn John, Marcus Hamner, Lewys Ingram, Owen Richards, Luca Howles, Dafydd Morgan and Corey Cox. This was an excellent game of rugby by both teams with some fantastic defending and offloading.

The score at halftime was 2-2 with the try scorers being Flynn and Brandon. The second half was a very close match where tries were scored on both sides within seconds of each other making the final score Llantwit Major 4 Pontyclun 5; try scorers for the second half were Flynn and Carwyn.

The players for the second match were Flynn Barry, Thomas George, Thomas Lamerton, Braydan Griffiths, Kian Barnett, Kelyn Joseph, James Canvey, Rhys Hoggarth, Luca Howles and Lewys Ingram.

The game got off to a great start with Llantwit taking the lead and the boys played well with some great defending and offloading of the ball but at halftime Pontyclun took the lead 4-3; try scorers for the first half were Kelyn, Thomas L and Marcus.

At halftime Lewys, Marcus, Flynn and Rhys were replaced with Carwyn, Brandon, Owen and Dafydd. The second half was a very close game and the boys made some excellent decisions to offload the ball and were great in defence.

Whenever Llantwit scored Pontyclun came back, bringing the final score to Llantwit Major 7, Pontyclun 7; try scorers for the second half were Thomas L, Brandon and Braydan with two.

An excellent morning of rugby where all players played their best - they are improving every week, keep it up boys. Men of the match were Thomas George and Marcus Hamner.

**MG Llantwit Major RFC under-7s travelled the short distance to Pontyclun for a fiercely contested local derby this Sunday.**

With a number of regular players absent through illness Llantwit were still able to field 14 eager kids with another new starter, Gethin Hollis, training well beforehand.

Llantwit started slowly and conceded a number of early tries before making a good comeback. Unfortunately it was too late and they ended up losing on the day 11-8 (7-5 and 4-3).

Top try scorer on the day was Dylan Godsell bagging a hatrick with other tries from Joel Harris, Theo Eلسenburg, Oliver Ingram, Lloyd Morgan and Bledwyn Daw, who was also awarded Llantwit's man of the match - well done! This week the team welcome Llantwit Fadre to the Rec.

**Team:** Bledwyn Mitchem, Dylan Godsell, Bledwyn Daw, Joel Harris, Theo Eلسenburg, Harry Fisher, Sam Whitbread, Ifan Lovejoy, Oliver Ingram, Maverick Jennings, Lloyd Morgan, Aaron Moce, Evan Boulton and Tomos Davies.



# Racing world bids farewell to John Bowles

**FORMER** racehorse owner, trainer and amateur rider John Bowles, who was aged 70, and who was well known to racegoers in the Vale as he often ran his horses at the Llanelwyr, Glamorgan and Pentyrch point-to-points, has died suddenly in Ireland.

He was one of horse racing's most controversial characters and he lost his trainer's licence in 1980 and was 'warned off' for 20 years for his part in one of the biggest racing scandals there has ever been.

A jury found him guilty of switching broken down 10-year-old no-hoper *In The Money* with *Cobblers March*, a winner of six races, in a selling handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot in 1978.

In 1989, Bowles failed in an appeal court to clear his name and he told me then: "I am fed up not being able to take part in the sport I love and I am going to live in Ireland."

Bowles, from Crickhowell, Powis, went to live in County Westmeath and in 1998 the Irish Turf Club granted him a licence to train. However, the

following year they fined him £1R1,000 after two of his winners had tested positive for a prohibited substance.

Bowles took little notice of his Jockey Club ban and would often turn up at point-to-points in the Vale and at Cheltenham Racecourse and other race meetings.

On one occasion I was reporting at the Talybont Hunt Steeplechases and was invited into the sponsors' tent. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that the banned Bowles was sitting at a table, large drink in hand, holding court with local owners and officials - and when he saw me he admonished me for writing bad things about him!

Bowles, who trained at Killucan, Co Westmeath, saddled a number of winners in Ireland before he retired in 2009.

The biggest success he had was with Drewstown Lady which won a big handicap hurdle race at the Galway Festival in 2000.

Irish trainer Gordon Elliot, who knew him well, said: "He was a gentleman and a character and a great friend."

**THE SCANDAL THAT SHOCKED RACING WORLD**

On August Bank Holiday Monday, 1979, bookmakers at Newton Abbot were stunned when a horse down on the racecard as *In The Money*, which had been backed from 33-1 to 8-1 before bookmakers refused to take any more money on it, stormed home a 20 lengths winner of the Hatherleigh Selling hurdle race.

The horse running for the first time in three years, and said to be a 10-year-old bay gelding, was ridden by Welsh jockey John Williams. *In The Money's* trainer, John Bowles, had to go to 1,100 guineas to retain the horse at auction following the race which had netted him just £525 in prize money.

One bookmaker at the course, George Parsons, told me back then: "With 25 bookmakers on the course there was a minimum of £15,000 to £20,000 paid out to backers."

With bets also placed at bookmaking shops throughout the country the betting coup was thought to be around £60,000, a considerable sum in 1978. Racecourse security officers began to make inquiries as *In The Money*, later described as 'a pigeon-toed broken down hack' had raced half-a-dozen or so times in the past and had failed to complete the course on each occasion!

Calling at Bowles' yard, they learned that the horse had been slaughtered at Bristol abattoir the morning after the race. Bowles said: "*In The Money* went lame and I did not wish to see the old boy suffer." However, after a tip from a former National Hunt jockey, who had been associated with Bowles, police asked him about another horse called *Cobblers March*, a very useful sort.

Bowles claimed that *Cobblers March*, which he had owned, had died a few months before. However, by an amazing coincidence, a racecourse photographer had taken pictures of both *Cobblers March* and *In The Money* and it was

mainly on photographic evidence that Bowles was given an 18 months suspended sentence and fined £1,500 after being convicted of two deception charges.

He was declared a disqualified person by the Jockey Club until the year 2000, which was one of the severest sentences to be handed out in the history of the turf.

In 1976, Bowles rode two winners at point-to-points and both of them were later disqualified. Following a subsequent objection by the stewards of the Jockey Club, *Hesperous*, who had brought off one of the biggest gambles in years when winning at the Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases, was disqualified on the grounds that he had been sharpened up by running in handicap hurdle events in the point-to-point close season, while *Westwyn*, a winner at the Gelligaer Farmers meeting, was disqualified for having been trained by a professional trainer.

**EVAN'S CHELTENHAM WINNER**

*Court Minstrel*, a seven-year-old bay gelding and a former useful handicap hurdler, landed the novices' chase at Cheltenham last Friday for Llanrcarfan's Evan Williams.

Ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, *Court Minstrel* scored by two-and-three-quarter lengths from *Chris Pea Green* and was made the 6-4 favourite in a field of six runners.

**FLINT'S BATH WINNER**

Bridgend trainer John Flint saw his eight-year-old chestnut gelding *Urban Space* land the Clip Exhibition And Display Handicap at Bath last Sunday.

*Urban Space*, a winner at Chepstow on his previous start and the oldest horse in the race, won by half-a-length from *Sirait Run* at odds of 10-1 and was ridden by Liam Keniry.

**BRIAN LEE**

## Island Marine under-11 line-up



**ISLAND Marine under-11 mini team squad are pictured sporting new playing kit sponsored by Admiral Insurance.**

The squad train on Tuesday nights on the astro turf at St

Richard Gwyn School.

The team currently have three coaches, Tony Ware, Nick Parsons and Chris Harding, all of whom hold grassroots FAW coaching qualifications, are first aid certified and fully DBS checked.

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## BONUS POINT WIN FOR SULLY SPORTS

**WELL done to all players and supporters of Sully Sports RFC who travelled on Saturday.**

This was never going to be an easy match, but Sully Sports ran out winners 22-13 against Ferndale, and the seconds ran out comfortable winners against local rivals Sea View.

From the start Sports pressured Ferndale's 22, but unfortunately came away with no score. Ferndale used home advantage and soon had points on the board with a well struck penalty.

As the referee allowed the game to flow and played quick advantage, again Sports kept the ball alive and pressure mounted in Ferndale's half. Jake Williams had several opportunities at the posts with penalties mounting up, but it was his strong running that rewarded him for his efforts, going over for the first try of the day.

Again the pack stood tall, with Dai Harris growing in confidence, but the Ferndale defence stood strong and forced Sports to change tack. With the coach shouting for patience and the forwards gaining the upper hand it was close play that worked well for Jody Velda to go over for Sports' second try.

As the game flowed, Ferndale slowly pulled their way back into the game.

The second half started much the same as the first half with both sides throwing everything in their armoury at each other, and strong defence and fast attack ensured the supporters enjoyed a good game.

Ferndale gained the upper hand after a few yellow cards but the young squad of the Sports plugged away at the home side, with Jake Williams crossing.

Sports again rallied and put more pressure on the defence, moving some 30 meters up the pitch with the pack and backs getting involved. Patience was rewarded with a try from captain Jon Blake, the game ending with Jake Williams converting, leaving the score on the day Ferndale 13, Sully Sports 22, ensuring a bonus point for the away side.

We entertain Tonyrefail in the cup this week, all support welcome.

**Team:** Jody Velda, Jamie Griffiths, Sam Bowditch, Dan Stillman, Antony Williams, Mike Angove, Gareth Foxall, John Thomas, Peter Brown, Jon Blake, Dean Russell, Rhys Manford, Dai Harris, Damian Huggins, Tim Dredge, Dave Weston, Dave Stillman, Matt Phillips, Jake Williams.

**GI**

## Scots outclass Wales in the rain

**WALES** were outclassed in pouring rain in Workington as Scotland, led by Danny Brough, scored three tries in the first 11 minutes of the second half to make a flying start to their European Championship campaign.

The Welsh started well but fell away as mistakes crept in from the inexperienced youngsters giving Scotland a 42-18 win.

Rhys Williams had an early try denied for a forward pass but the Dragons did take the lead on 10 minutes. Ollie Olds kicked and Rhys Williams collected well to ground in the corner.

Ricky Hough missed the conversion.

The lead didn't last long. Danny Brough scored in the corner following a Welsh error from kick-off, converting himself. Brough created the second Scotland try from the first set after kick-off setting up Oscar Thomas nicely to go over in the corner. Brough missed the kick.

Another Welsh error gave Scotland the scrum on Wales' 10 metre line. They didn't waste the opportunity as Corby Kilday scored on his debut with Brough converting.

A high tackle on Morgan Evans was a sour pick of the first half but it led to three successive Wales penalties and from

the last one, a good kicking high which confused the Welsh defence and David Scott beat Tom Hughes to the ball to extend the Scottish lead to 28-14.

Then, from a penalty, Callum Phillips was given too much space to run through for Scotland's sixth try.

Brough missed the kick. The next try came from a good passing move left Wales exposed on the wing and Oscar Thomas set up David Scott to walk over. Brett Phillips added another Scottish try that Brough duly converted, which made it 42-14.

But Wales had the final say with a consolation try through Connor Farrer.

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## SULLY IBC DOMINATE OPPOSITION

**SULLY IBC** visited Bridgend on Saturday to play Ogwr in the Clubs Championship, their second game of the new indoor season, hoping to continue their winning ways having beaten Newport in their first game.

Sully made changes to their team to allow players who missed the first game an opportunity to show their form in readiness for selection for forthcoming games beginning Saturday against Championship favourites Blaenau Gwent.

The game got off to a flying start for Sully who raced to a 28 shot lead by the fifth end and this increased to 42 by end 10 and ironically the only Sully rink struggling was that of Martin Clarke, who after being top rink in the first game was being held at 10-10.

As the game progressed Sully were proving too strong for their opponents and at

end 15 were now 58 shots ahead and at this stage the win was more or less guaranteed and the focus was now on ensuring maximum points.

With the rinks of Brian Griffiths, Mel Newman, Matthew Woodcock and Ken McLeod well ahead it was the remaining rinks of Brian Foscolo and Clarke who at this stage were just six and three shots ahead respectively and fighting to maintain their slender leads.

On the 16th and 17th ends Foscolo and Clarke dropped a further four shots, also McLeod's rink suffered a reverse of seven shots narrowing their lead to just three, but these reverses obviously hit home and the three rinks lifted their games, picking up 22 shots over the last four ends ensuring a maximum 22 points, winning 165-90.

The next game is against Blaenau Gwent at the Sully Stadium, 2pm this Saturday (October 25).

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**ANOTHER** home tie in the South Wales Intermediate Cup meant that MMG welcomed Brackla FC to Severn Avenue.

Brackla would have been full of confidence after winning 8-0 in the last round and they started the game very well with MMG struggling to get a foothold in the game.

After a sloppy opening 10 minutes, the game started to even itself out with both teams focusing on attacking.

Brackla took the lead when a well worked corner was nodded in at the back post. With both teams fully

committed, MMG drew level when a goal kick was flicked on by Michael Fallas and Josh Mazey turned fantastically 30 yards out and fired a shot low into bottom left corner of the net.

An unfortunate injury to Tim Lednor, meant a reshuffle with Anthony Connell pushing out wide and James Mason coming on up front. Brackla then took the lead for the second time in contentious fashion when a low cross was converted by the striker who was standing five yards behind the MMG defence.

MMG knew that they had to improve in the second half but they

got off to the worst possible start by conceding a penalty within the first five minutes. The penalty was despatched well and a 3-1 scoreline looked bleak for MMG.

The introduction of new signing Dimitri Fallas provide effective straight away when he shimmied past two players and rifled an unstoppable shot passed the goalkeeper from 25 yards out.

With the score at 3-2, MMG really kicked on and started applying pressure to the Brackla back line. For the last 20 minutes, MMG took full control of the game, kept the ball well and started to create good goalscoring

chances.

Solid goalkeeping and organised defence from Brackla coupled with the final ball not quite falling for the MMG attack meant that the game finished 3-2 to Brackla FC. MMG can be proud that they never gave up and gave a fantastic second half performance but on the day it wasn't enough to progress. Good luck to Brackla FC in the next round.

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# Vale girls sail into the British top 10!

**TILLY Matthews (16) from Barry who goes to Ysgol Bro Morganwg and Jemma Viney (16) from Peterston Super Ely, who goes to Cowbridge Comprehensive School have been selected for the RYA 420 UK youth sailing squad, which is made up of the eight best youth (age 18 and under) crews in Britain.**

The RYA UK Youth Squad Programme is designed to enable the best British sailors to develop their racing skills so that they can achieve on the international stage.

Qualification was based on results from two national championships. At the GB 420 Inland Championships at Carsington, Derbyshire, in mid September the girls put in an excellent series of consistent results over two days of competition, finishing in fifth place overall and winning a silver medal as the second female crew.

Jemma's brother Matt, sailing with Dan Atherton from the Isle of Wight, finished third and second male crew.

The second qualification event was the GB 420 Autumn Championships held at Poole on the South coast at the end of September. This was a challenging event as there was a very light shifty wind all weekend and sailing conditions were made more difficult with a strong tide on the ebb.

The girls were a little disappointed with some of their results at Poole but their performance over the two events was good enough for them to be selected for the British squad.

Jemma and Tilly have only been sailing together for a year since moving on from single handed junior boats. Jemma has been sailing since the age of nine.

She was in the GBR and Welsh National Optimist squads and has represented GBR at International Events in France and Hungary.

Jemma who is a triplet and also has an older brother said: "All my family love sailing. My older brother Gareth sailed lasers and 29ers and now sails for Southampton University, my brother Sam sails a Feva and my other brother Matthew sails a 420 and has also been selected for the GBR 420 youth squad. To have three sailors from Cardiff Bay Yacht Club in

the squad is a fantastic achievement."

Tilly has been sailing for four years: "I got the sailing bug after I went on a family sailing holiday in Croatia. On return home I went to Cardiff Bay Yacht Club and asked about dingy sailing. I learnt to race a Topper, was selected for the Welsh Topper squad and I went on to represent Wales in several events."

Tilly had come as far as she could in a Topper and was looking for a new challenge when she was asked by Nick Sawyer, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club training coach if she was interested in sailing with Jemma as crew in a double handed boat.

The girls were introduced and hit it off straight away. They have travelled as far as Belgium, France and all over Wales and England in the last year to fulfill their dreams. They would like to thank Nick Sawyer and Cardiff Bay Yacht Club for their help and support; and Cardiff Pointe, the property developers at Cardiff Bay, who have sponsored the girls over the past year, helping with the cost of travel to overseas events and enabling them to have extra specialist coaching.

Jemma and Tilly will train with the GBR and Welsh squads nearly every weekend all through the winter, with some longer sessions at half term and Christmas school holidays.

Their next event will be the Grand prix de L'Armistice at Bordeaux in France over half term with five days of racing. They are aiming for qualification for the European Championships next year and would love to progress into the 470 Olympic class.

MM

## Bridge results

**RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for October 20:**

1st Irene Thomas & Graham Jones 63.33%, 2nd Marjorie Morris & Linda Pinnock 61.67%, 3rd Alan Lewis & Terry Evans 60.42%.

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## Barry darts singles league

**AFTER three weeks of the Barry Darts Singles League, Matt Stanger tops the table with 20 points with the help of six wins from six matches.**

The season consists of a round robin format with each darter playing each other twice during a season, each match being five legs long and being awarded for every leg won. A change to last season sees an extra point awarded to the winner for a 5-0 win. The extra point available could be invaluable at the season end to see who qualifies for the finals night.

After three weeks there have been just five 5-0 results, those being: Terry Williams 5-0 Alan Oliver; Ritchie Boucher 5-0 John Hurn; Ritchie Boucher 5-0 mark Cooke; John Hurn 5-0 Alan Oliver and Richie Williams 5-0 Kevin Sheppard.

A good start to the season sees Richie Williams hold second place with 19 points,

closely followed by Dave Davies and John Hurn on 18 points. Current singles champion Ritchie Boucher holds sixth position having played just two matches but winning both 5-0, so the expectation is Ritchie will climb the league once back from illness.

Slow starts to the season from Matt Bester and Alan Oliver see them languishing at the foot of the table in 11th and 12th places respectively. Both darters will be battling for the play off positions come seasons end.

Matt Stanger not only currently sits top of the table after three weeks but is also leading the 180 count with three, the highest checkout with 156 and jointly has the best darts leg of 15 darts with Ritchie Boucher.

All matches are kindly hosted by the Barry Island Sports and Social Club each Tuesday from 8pm. If you're interested in darts, be it watching or participating, pop along and you'll be warmly welcomed.

RW

## Liam's golden Germany trip

**On October 11-1, The W.O.M.A.A (World Organisation of Martial Arts Athletes) International German Championships took place.**

The event was hosted by Sascha Schreiner and teenage martial artist Liam Rees (17) travelled to Vilsbiburg, Germany to take part as a member of Team Wales.

The event was held over two days. The first day consisting of weapons and pattern forms. Day two consisted of light continuous and points fighting.

Liam entered the advanced boys aged 15-17, and he fought comfortably through the rounds against some experienced fighters to take gold!

Liam also entered the mens 70kg and under category where again he showed outstanding talent and took gold! He finished the day in winning style by fighting a German competitor and again taking gold!

Liam is now in training for the W.O.M.A.A Series mens finals in November; his family would like to wish him the best of luck for this event.

Thanks also to his sponsor W.O.M.A.A Fight Gear.

LR



## It's raining medals at Cadoxton school!



**ONCE again the Cadoxton School of Tae Kwon Do joined forces with kick boxers from W.O.M.A.A. Wales to form a Welsh squad consisting of 17 competitors who flew into Munich to compete in the German International Championships hosted by Master Sascha Schreiner.**

The event was held in Vilsbiburg and run with the usual German efficiency; although this event was smaller than expected the level of competition was of a very high standard. The Welsh squad brought home with them 28 gold, 19 silver and three bronze medals.

Unfortunately two members of the Cadoxton contingent (Thea & Lucia

Cunningham) had to pull out, leaving seven competitors from the Cadoxton School in the squad, competing in the Point and Continuous sparring, Traditional Forms, Weapon and Synchronised forms.

The Cadoxton contingent's contribution was 12 gold, 12 silver and three bronze to the Welsh team's total.

Maddison Allen won gold in weapons, gold in traditional patterns, gold in continuous sparring and silver in point sparring; Cody Jacobsen won gold in weapons, silver in traditional patterns, point and continuous sparring; Joel Wells won gold in traditional Patterns, silver in point sparring, bronze in continuous sparring and bronze in weapons.

Cian Allen won gold in point & continuous sparring, and silver in

traditional patterns; Lucy Newman won gold in weapons & traditional patterns, silver in point & continuous sparring; Matthew Bennett won gold in weapons, silver in traditional and synchronised patterns, silver in continuous sparring, while Bradley Halford won gold in traditional patterns and continuous sparring, silver in Synchronised patterns and bronze in point sparring.

Club instructor and

coach, Master Ron Thomas, would like to thank all the family's and supporters of the school for their support and fund raising efforts without whom we could not have achieved our continual success.

*Pictured are: Bradley Halford, Matthew Bennett, Lucy Newman, instructor and coach Master Ron Thomas; Cian Allen, Joel Wells, Maddison Allen and Cody Jacobsen.*

RT

## The Dinas Wolves show their bite to make progress in Cup

**DINAS Powys Wolves proved too strong for IMFC in the cup.**

Dinas started the slower of the teams allowing the home side to take an early lead with a mix up in defence, and minutes later IMFC were awarded a somewhat dubious penalty when what looked to be a perfectly well timed tackle by skipper Fifield was adjudged to be a foul.

Thankfully the imposing figure of Morris made the goal seem small, as the home team player failed to hit the target from 12 yards.

The villagers then started to play their game and Hewitson and Williams combined well to free up Booker down the right wing. His cross caused confusion amongst the home side defence as they panicked to clear the ball and sliced it straight into their own net.

At halftime, with the score 1-1, Dinas regrouped and changed their shape. Dinas then had more quality attacks but the final ball was lacking. Eventually Quest put Hewitson through who coolly chipped the keeper from 15 yards.

The game never really got started as a lot of

wasted passes and stop starting did not allow the match to flow but the visitors looked the more likely to add to the scoreline.

In defence Moss, Williams, Lewis, Frost and Mallum looked too strong for the attacks thrown at them, while the midfielders Doughty, Harewood, Booker, Quest, Fifield and O'Brien tried to get their passing game going but struggled at times with the pitch cutting up. Hewitson, Saunders and Pereira in attack are a pain to any side with a good mixture of strength, pace and skill.

Doughty sealed the match with a very well taken goal to put the Villagers into the semi-final.

Morris and Stowell in goals each pulled off two great saves but looked very comfortable.

Man of the match was awarded to Jacob Moss for some very well-timed tackles.

The home side put a really good fight in this fixture and certainly made it difficult for Dinas to play their passing game.

LS

## Barry & District male skittles league

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## Disappointing Ath performance... BUT THEY PICK UP THE WIN



Aled Thomas and Luke Hathaway burst through the Newbridge defence, while (above right) Jake Williams shrugs off a tackle.

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### BRIDGEND ATHLETIC won on successive weekends with a hard fought 25-20 win over Newbridge.

Outside half Josh White, who scored 19 points the previous week against Blackwood, went one better with six penalties and a conversion for 20 points this time, to stretch his points tally for the season to 58.

The Athletic with a slight wind advantage started the game very briskly and within two minutes White kicked the first of his penalties. Continued pressure resulted in a second White penalty after 12 minutes.

Newbridge finally broke out of their half and were moving the ball across their back division just 10 metres from the Athletic line when centre

Aled Thomas intercepted. He pinned his ears back and sprinted to within 10 metres of the Newbridge try line, where rather than risk the pursuing Newbridge defence catching him, threw out a pass to the supporting Athletic full back Dan Howells who crossed for his fifth try of the season. White converted to open up a 13-0 advantage.

When the Newbridge lock pulled down an Athletic player in the air at a lineout the Athletic were awarded a penalty and the lock was sent to the sin bin. White made no mistake with the penalty to extend the lead to 16-0.

Despite the 14 men the Newbridge side started to dominate up front as the Athletic seemed to take their foot off the peddle and became very sloppy.

During this sin bin period they narrowed the

half time deficit to 16-8 with a penalty from wing Gary Wilks and a try by full back Ryan Lee.

Newbridge, restored to 15 players, opened the second half very strongly and gained ascendancy at the set scrum. When the Athletic were penalised at a five metre scrum Newbridge elected for another scrum.

They put on a drive forcing the Athletic to concede a penalty try converted by Wilks to reduce their deficit to a single point at 16-15. White's fourth penalty extended the Athletic lead to 19-15.

The Athletic were reduced to 14 players when scrum half Jake Williams ignored the referee's advice at a ruck and was given 10 minutes off the field for his transgression.

Newbridge took advantage of a reshuffled Athletic back division. Full back Ryan Lee gathered a high clearance kick on the touchline just inside his own half and sprinted strongly along the touchline. Some woeful attempts to tackle him saw a clear passage to touch down in the corner to put Newbridge ahead for the first time at 19-15.

This did have a sobering effect on the lethargic Athletic pack and, led by man of the match Dan Apsee, captain Sean Williams and Simon Mustoe, staged a fightback with patient passages of forward play. Newbridge were not averse to giving away penalties to stop the Athletic drives and White was the beneficiary as he kicked two late penalties to put the Athletic 25-20 ahead, and boost his points tally to 20 points on the day.

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Rod Apsee charges to help out.



Defence was the order of the day for Heol Y Cyw in their encounter with Llantrisant.

## HEOL Y CYW HANG ON TO EDGE GAME



Man of the match Chris Howe is tackled, while BELOW: Scott Hancock shows his pace.

HEOL Y CYW ventured away to Llantrisant on the back of two consecutive defeats, knowing a slip up would cost the club both in league position and confidence.

The game started and almost immediately Llantrisant went in front through a Lewis Montague penalty after Cyw infringed. Another penalty attempt was narrowly wide following a high tackle by Cyw.

Cyw's first dramatic action of the game came from a well worked attack featuring wing Paul Songhurst and full back Scott Hancock, both showing speed and handling skills before the move eventually broke down.

Another break was made by flank forward Adam O'Driscoll with a delicate grubber kick towards the posts but covering Llantrisant defence managed to scramble the ball away.

After a rash of penalties against Cyw, when the referee finally awarded a penalty against the home team, outside half Rhys Thomas levelled the score with a clinical strike. During the dying minutes of the first half a snap move by prop forward Darren Oram and second row Chris John almost saw Cyw



score near the posts but the ball was spilled and the chance went begging. The half ended 3-3.

In the second half Cyw conceded further penalties when in attacking positions and could not break down Llantrisant's defence. Winger Songhurst had a few twisting runs at the defence but all opportunities fizzled out. Cyw were awarded another penalty and Rhys Thomas slotted the ball over to take the score to 3-6. For a large period of the half the score remained static until against the run of play the Llantrisant pack forced their way over for an unconverted try to lead 8-6.

This made Cyw redouble their efforts and they upped their tempo until a Llantrisant player was lifted and carried backwards by Wayne Howe and Stuart Nation; the referee deemed it a spear tackle and gave both a yellow card and

then changed Nation's to a red card. Down to 13 men it looked ominous for Cyw's chances of winning the game but another penalty, converted again by Thomas, reclaimed the lead at 8-9. Montague kicked another penalty for Llantrisant before Cyw were restored to 14 men and, with the score standing at 11-9 going into the final few minutes, Cyw were awarded another penalty. With the travelling supporters watching anxiously Thomas showed coolness in the slenderest of leads. In the final moments Llantrisant threw everything at the Cyw defence in a valiant attempt to dramatically snatch the game but Cyw held on and breathed a collective sigh of relief at the final whistle, the final score 12-11; the man of the match award went to Chris Howe. DK

## Scorpions learn fixture fate

SOUTH Wales Scorpions will open their 2015 Kingstone Press League 1 season with the south Wales and west local derby, away at University of Gloucestershire All Golds.

The match will be played on Good Friday, April 3, at the Prince of Wales Stadium in Cheltenham (kick-off 3pm).

The Scorpions will launch their home league season on Sunday, April 12, when they host London Skolars at Mountain Ash RFC (kick-off 3pm).

The big Welsh derby games against North Wales Crusaders will be on May 10 in the south and July 12 in the north.

Three games will be 'on the road', one at Cardiff Arms Park, one at Stebonheath Park in Llanelli and one in Maesteg. A decision on which games will be

taken to which venue will be decided in the next few weeks.

Scorpions coach Mike Grady said: "It's a tough start for us against All Golds, they were close fought games last year. We managed to get bonus points from two games and were unlucky not to win one of them losing by only two points. It's our derby match due to location and it adds a bit of spice with them having Welsh lads in their squad."

"It's a tough fixture list and I expected nothing less. We will have to be switched on and focused for 80 minutes week in week out against every side in the division."

The season will start in March with potentially three rounds of the new League One Cup and two rounds of the Challenge Cup; these fixtures will be announced when known. IG

**Gatland names squad for Autumn internationals - see page 32 for full story.**

## BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB

THE results for Bridgend Bridge Club for recent events are:

Wednesday, October 15, the club teams event - First, John Henson, Geoff Tinkler, David Bowen and David Crompton; Second, Marjorie Morris, Bill Turner, Steve Burgoyne and Ann Fox; Third, Simon Richards, Roger Penton, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage.

Friday, October 17 - First, Colin and Hazel Heard; Second, Jenny Vaughan and Irene Thomas; Third, Dian Jones and Pat Cogbill. Winners on handicap - V. Irene Thomas and Margaret Williams.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Noltan Church Hall at 7pm. We try to start at 7pm so it helps if people arrive at least 10 minutes

early. On Thursdays from 2pm to 5pm, also at Noltan Church Hall, there are gentle bridge sessions for the less experienced where assistance is readily available.

The best placed improvers for October 10 were Colin Lewis, Stuart Davies, V Irene Thomas, Dilys Bowser, Leila O'Hagan and Diane Reynolds

There are lessons on Thursdays at 11am, also at Noltan Church Hall - these are primarily for beginners and those who have played some bridge and would like to improve either or both their bidding and card play.

It is still possible to book a place on the course - contact John Evans on 01656 880372. DN